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SC: JUDICIARY IS BLEEDING...

SC imposes blanket ban on NCERT class 8 textbook over 'judicial corruption'; issues show-cause notice to NCERT & Centre; CJI says it's a deep-rooted, well-planned, and orchestrated conspiracy.

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday imposed a blanket ban on circulation and production of a NCERT Class 8 Social Sciences textbook that contained references to "corruption in the judiciary" and warned of possible contempt action against the education council's chief. Meanwhile, the Centre has apologised for the controversial chapter and assured that those responsible would face action.

A three-judge bench led by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant has imposed a blanket ban on any further publication or digital circulation of the Social Sciences textbook, Exploring Society: India and Beyond, Vol II. "Any attempt to bypass the order, including through electronic distribution or altered titles, will be treated as a willful breach and defiance of the court's directions," it said.

The NCERT judiciary chapter row escalated on Wednesday after the CJI sharply criticised the content in Chapter 4, 'The Role of Judiciary in our Society', as a grave matter, warning that the Supreme Court would not permit any attempt to defame or undermine the integrity of the judiciary.

Earlier during the hearing today, the CJI said that as "head of the judiciary, it is my duty to ensure accountability, heads must roll. I will not close these proceedings until there is some accountability. We want to know who the people behind this are."

He also expressed concern over the impact of the material, and said, "If you teach the entire teaching community and the students that the judiciary is corrupt — what message will go? Teachers will learn it, parents will learn it."

The CJI also noted that despite the government's claim that the publication had been withdrawn, it continued to circulate widely. In its order, the CJI directed that all copies of the book containing the chapter be immediately "seized."

Appearing for the Centre, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said the government had taken serious note of the issue and moved swiftly once the objectionable material surfaced.

"The two people involved with this chapter will never be involved with any activity of this ministry in the future — even any other ministry," he told the court, stressing that the Centre was not taking an adversarial stand.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal said the PDF version of the chapter was already widespread.

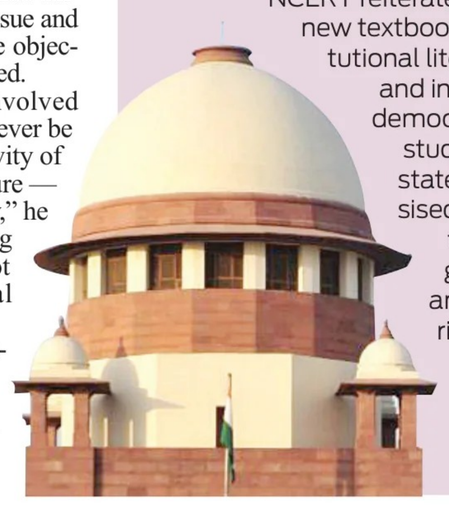
We would like to have a deeper probe. We need to find who is responsible and we will see who are there. Heads must roll! We will not close the case.
—Surya Kant, CJI

ORDER IN A NUTSHELL

- Blanket ban on book
- Contempt of court notice to NCERT Director and Department of School Education
- Copies of the book, be it hard copy or digital, to be removed from public access
- Details of members of National Syllabi Board who wrote the offending chapter to be provided to SC.

NCERT apologises

In the wake of the widespread backlash, the NCERT also apologised for what it described as a "purely unintentional" inclusion of 'inappropriate material." "The error is purely unintentional and NCERT regrets the inclusion of inappropriate material in the said chapter. NCERT reiterates that the objective of the new textbooks is to strengthen constitutional literacy, institutional respect, and informed understanding of democratic participation amongst students," the council said in a statement. The NCERT emphasised that it holds the judiciary in the "highest esteem" as the guardian of the Constitution and protector of fundamental rights, adding that the objective of the new textbooks is to strengthen constitutional literacy and institutional respect among students.



WEF CHIEF QUITS OVER EPSTEIN TIES

ZURICH

World Economic Forum president and CEO Borge Brende said he was stepping down on Thursday, a few weeks after the forum launched an independent investigation into his relationship with sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

Brende, who became president of the WEF in 2017, announced his decision in a statement following disclosures from the US Justice Department that showed the Norwegian had three business dinners with Epstein and had also communicated with the disgraced financier via email and text message.

"After careful consideration, I have decided to step down as President and CEO of the World Economic Forum. My time here, spanning 8-1/2 years, has been profoundly rewarding," Brende said. The statement made no mention of Epstein.

"I am grateful for the incredible collaboration with my colleagues, partners, and constituents, and I believe now is the right moment for the Forum to continue its important work without distractions," added Brende, a former Norwegian foreign minister.

Brende has said he was unaware of Epstein's past and criminal activities before first meeting him in 2018, and that he regretted not having investigated him more thoroughly.

In a statement, WEF co-chairs André Hoffmann and Larry Fink said of Brende's resignation: "We wish to express our sincere appreciation for Børge Brende's significant contributions to the World Economic Forum. His dedication and leadership have been instrumental during a pivotal period of reforms for the organisation, leading to a successful annual meeting in Davos. We respect his decision to step down."

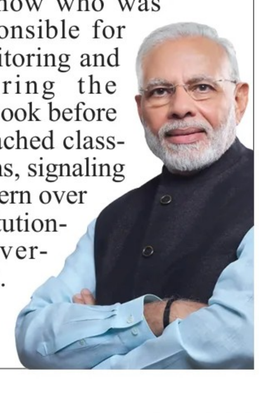
IN SHORT

- Norwegian had been WEF prez since 2017
- Brende has said he was unaware of Epstein's criminal past
- WEF's Alois Zwinggi will serve as interim president and CEO

PM wants accountability fixed

NEW DELHI

"Accountability should be fixed", was the message from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, amid an escalating row over the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) Class 8 textbook chapter on "corruption" in the judiciary, as per government sources. Modi, who is in Israel, questioned both the appropriateness of introducing such sensitive issues at that stage of education and the approval process that allowed the content to be published. He also sought to know who was responsible for monitoring and clearing the textbook before it reached classrooms, signaling concern over institutional oversight.



After DKS, now GP wants to be CM

BENGALURU

The power tussle between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy DK Shivakumar has once again popped the question of a Dalit chief minister.

Home Minister G Parameshwara on Wednesday asserted that he was capable enough to be the chief minister.

Parameshwara, who was the KPCC chief between 2010 and 2018, said, "How many times should I prove my capability? I have worked as KPCC chief for eight years and brought the party to power twice. Did all this happen without my effort or calibre? I have served as deputy chief minister. So, no one should doubt my capability. I have proved beyond doubt that I am capable. It is only the circumstances and the party's decision that need to favour me," said the Koratagere MLA.

The demand for a "dalit CM" is once again gaining traction after the dalit ministers held a secret meeting recently. The ministers have been countering Shivakumar staking claim to the CM's post, citing hard work.

Congress MLA K N Rajanna poked Shivakumar, saying the Congress owed Parameshwara his "old dues" as he had served the party for eight years as the state president. "Shivakumar, who completes six years as party president (on March 30), is yet to break Parameshwara's record," Rajanna had taunted. Social Welfare Minister Dr H C Mahadevappa too made a cryptic comment that a dalit would occupy the CM's chair in the state, much to the chagrin of Shivakumar.

INDIA BACKS GAZA PEACE PLAN

Humanity must never become a victim of conflict: Modi

JERUSALEM

India and Israel on Thursday elevated their "time-tested" ties to a Special Strategic Partnership, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi voicing strong support for the Gaza peace initiative and asserting that "humanity must never become a victim of conflict."

After wide-ranging talks with his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem, Modi said India's security interests are closely linked to peace and stability in West Asia and reaffirmed New Delhi's backing for efforts to end the conflict in Gaza.

He said a "path to peace has been created through the Gaza Peace Plan" and reaffirmed India's commitment to such diplomatic endeavours. "India's vision is clear that humanity must never become a victim of conflict. The Gaza Peace Plan has opened a route to peace. India has supported such efforts. In future too, India will continue to cooperate and have dialogue with all nations," he said.

The two leaders underscored their shared position against terrorism, declaring that there is no place for it "in any form, in any expression." Modi said India and Israel have consistently stood "shoulder-to-shoulder" in countering terrorism and its supporters and would continue to do so.

"Our relationship is founded on the strong bedrock of deep trust, shared democratic values, and human sensitivities. Our bond has stood the test of every trial of time," the Prime Minister said, announcing the decision to elevate bilateral ties to a Special Strategic Partnership.

INDIA–ISRAEL FTA: FROM TARIFFS TO TECH

While security and strategic issues dominated the talks, the two sides also signed a series of agreements aimed at expanding cooperation in trade, agriculture, energy, cyberspace and digital payments. Modi announced the establishment of an India-Israel partnership in critical and emerging technologies, covering areas such as artificial intelligence, quantum technologies and critical minerals.

The leaders also agreed to work towards an early conclusion of a "mutually beneficial" free trade agreement, as part of efforts to strengthen economic engagement alongside the expanding strategic and security partnership.

AGREEMENT REACHED FOR USE OF UPI IN ISRAEL: MODI

PM Modi also added that an agreement has been reached for use of UPI in Israel. PM Modi further said," We will soon give final shape to a mutually beneficial Free Trade Agreement." "We have taken a historic decision to give our time-tested relationship the status of special strategic partnership. This is a reflection of the aspirations of both the nations," he said.

INDIA-ISRAEL FTA: NEXT ROUND OF TALKS IN MAY: MINISTRY

After the first round of four-day talks in New Delhi, the Commerce Ministry on Thursday said that India and Israel would hold the next round of negotiations for the proposed free trade agreement (FTA) between the two countries in May. "Both sides also agreed to continue inter-sessional engagements virtually. The next round of in-person negotiations will be held in May 2026 in Israel," the ministry said.

'No undercover work required!' Modi shares selfie with 'Fauda' cast

PM Modi's visit to Israel has been dominating the headlines for the past 2 days. Whether it was Modi's 'huglomacy', which was applauded by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu or the recent pacts with the West Asian nation, this visit has been nothing short of managing and making diplomatic ties. However, the prime minister made sure that this short trip wasn't all about work. Taking to X (formerly Twitter), Modi posted a picture with the cast of Fauda—a political thriller series that revolves around covert operations undertaken by Israeli agents to eliminate threats to their country. In a jest, Modi wrote, "Thankfully, this interaction required only a selfie, no undercover work! #Fauda"

Anil Ambani appears before ED in money laundering case

MUMBAI

Amid the ongoing probe into Reliance Group of Companies, Anil Ambani appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED), on Thursday for a second round of questioning in connection with an alleged bank fraud-linked money laundering case.

The 66-year-old businessman entered the federal probe agency's office in central Delhi around 10.30 am.

Officials said that his statement will be recorded under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). He was first questioned by the ED in August 2025.

The ED arrested former RCOM president Punit Garg as part of this investigation in January. The alleged laundered funds were "diverted" through multiple foreign subsidiaries and offshore entities of RCOM, the agency claimed earlier.

A day earlier, ED provisionally attached Anil Ambani's luxury residence, 'Abode,' valued at Rs 3,716 crore, as part of its ongoing probe.

The probe pertains to an alleged Rs 40,000 crore worth bank fraud by his group company, Reliance Communications (RCOM).

100 MILLION STRONG!

Modi beats Trump to be world's most followed leader on Insta

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has crossed the massive milestone of 100 million followers on Instagram, leaving US President Donald Trump far behind to grab the spot of the first ever politician and world leader to have accomplished this huge feat, officials said on Thursday.

Modi joined Instagram in 2014, and over the past decade, his account has evolved into one of the most engaging digital spaces among global leaders.

Among major global leaders, Modi's follower count is more than double that of US President Trump, who holds the second position with 43.2 million followers.

PM Modi's whopping follower count has even left behind the combined followers of the next five major international leaders: Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto (15 million); Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva (14.4 million); Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan (11.6 million) and Argentine President Javier Milei (6.4 million).

Notably, the combined follower count of the next five major world leaders remains lower than PM Modi's individual total, highlighting the scale of his digital reach and influence.

Observers point out that the Prime Minister's Instagram presence resonates strongly with younger audiences, both in India and abroad, reflecting changing modes of political communication in the digital age.

The gap is equally striking within India's political landscape. Modi is far ahead of all other Indian political leaders on Instagram. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath occupies the second spot with around 16.1 million followers, while Congress leader Rahul Gandhi follows with approximately 12.6 million followers. The difference underscores the PM's dominant position on social media platforms among domestic and international political figures.

The milestone reflects a broader trend of leaders increasingly using visual and interactive platforms like Instagram to engage directly with citizens, bypassing traditional communication channels.

For PM Modi, social media has remained a key tool for outreach, governance messaging, and public engagement.

Sunetra Pawar elected NCP prez month after Ajit Pawar's death

Mumbai: Maharashtra DyCM-Sunetra Pawar on Thursday was unanimously elected as the new national president of the NCP following a key decision taken at the party's executive meeting at the national convention. Addressing party leaders and delegates at the convention, senior NCP leader Praful Patel delivered an emotional speech, recalling the period of intense discussion and speculation within the party following changes in leadership after Ajit Pawar.

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One-Day Workshop on 12th Century Vachana Writers in Jayanagar

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A one-day workshop on 12th-century Vachana writers will be held on February 28 at Sri Shivaratri Rajendra Chintana Mantapa in Jayanagar, organized jointly by the Karnataka Writers' Association and the All India Sharana Sahitya Parishad.

Coordinator Mukta B Kagali said the event aims to highlight lesser-known Vachana writers, discuss the social and cultural relevance of their work, and engage the new generation. Sessions include a keynote by retired Hampi Kannada University Professor M Usha, followed by analyses from R Sunandamina, Sunanda Basappa, and Indira Shivanna on the literature and philosophy of these Vachanakarthis.

Viksit Bharat

Roundtable on VBSA Bill Scheduled in Bengaluru on Feb 28

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The Indian Education Board will host a roundtable meeting on the Vikasita Bharat Shiksha Adishthan (VBSA) Bill on February 28 at 8:30 am at The Mythic Society, Nrupatunga Road. The discussion aims to bring together academics, university chancellors, directors, and researchers to deliberate on the bill's implications for education and policy. Organized in collaboration with The Mythic Society, the session will provide a platform for experts to exchange ideas, highlight potential challenges, and suggest improvements to the VBSA framework. The meeting is expected to foster meaningful dialogue on shaping India's educational landscape and policy reforms.

Fare Hikes Push City Commuters Back to Private Vehicles

Making Metro travel expensive in Bengaluru, a city already notorious for traffic congestion, is driving commuters back to personal vehicles

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Frequent fare hikes and gaps in last-mile connectivity are undoing the gains of Namma Metro, once hailed as fast, safe, and affordable. Residents now perceive Metro commuting as costly and inconvenient, prompting a surge in two-wheelers and cars on city roads, especially during peak hours. Traffic police report slower flows and more congestion as a result.

Transport data shows Bengaluru has over 80 lakh registered two-wheelers in 2026. Officers warn that continued reliance on private vehicles will worsen travel times in coming months. Unni Krishna Menon, who previously commuted by Metro between Jalahalli and Indiranagar, has returned to using his car. "The Metro costs Rs 70 one way, plus Rs 30 for four hours of parking. I still need an autorickshaw or cab to reach Domlur. Filling my car with Rs 500 petrol lasts 2.5 days, which is cheaper," Menon explained.

College student Jatin Polanki shared a similar story. "I used to take the Metro from Pattanagere to Majestic for Rs 30. After fare hikes and early morning classes, I switched to my bike. For Rs 100, I can go to college, roam around, and return," he said.

Resident welfare groups caution that high user charges for essential services can be counterproductive. Christopher Cruz of NERWA emphasized, "Public transport is any city's lifeline and vital to decongesting Bengaluru. Revenue considerations should not compromise accessibility." Some commuters note that cost is not the only factor; convenience, speed, and connectivity also influence travel choices.

With fares climbing and first- and last-mile options limited, Bengaluru risks undoing years of investment in sustainable urban mobility, as more citizens return to cars and bikes, adding strain to already crowded roads.

ESCOMS Seek Tariff Hike; KERC Reserves Decision Pending Review

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) reserved its orders on a review petition filed by Electricity Supply Companies (ESCOMS) seeking a revision in tariffs for commercial and industrial consumers. The petition cited a revenue shortfall of Rs 4,620 crore, largely due to subsidies extended to Irrigation Pump (IP) sets. While the state finance department has agreed to release Rs 2,362 crore, the utilities plan to cover the remaining gap through Rs 1,254 crore from tariff hikes on commercial and industrial users and Rs 1,107 crore from miscellaneous sources.

If approved, the revision could directly affect industries, traders, small businesses, and commercial establishments, with an indirect impact on consumers as higher operational costs may translate into increased prices of goods and services. ESCOMS argued that cross-subsidisation—where industrial and commercial users subsidise categories such as farmers—is an established feature of the power sector. They added that revising tariffs is critical to maintain financial stability and ensure uninterrupted electricity supply.

Industry bodies voiced strong opposition. The Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) and the MSME Council of Mysuru stated that the financial burden should fall entirely on the government rather than being passed on to commercial consumers.

KERC Chairperson P Ravi Kumar heard arguments from all sides and reserved orders, with a decision expected within a month. The outcome will determine whether industrial users, and eventually consumers, face higher electricity-linked costs in the upcoming financial year.

A proposed tariff revision by Karnataka's Electricity Supply Companies could raise costs for industries and commercial users, potentially affecting consumer prices.

Primebook expands offline footprint through strategic partnerships with Sangeetha Mobiles and Pai International

BENGALURU

Primebook India, the homegrown technology company behind India's Android-based laptop ecosystem, has announced a major expansion of its offline retail presence through strategic partnerships with Sangeetha Mobiles and Pai International Electronics.

As part of this rollout, Primebook laptops will now be available across Sangeetha Mobiles stores in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, as well as at Pai International outlets in Hyderabad and Bengaluru. The expansion strengthens Primebook's omnichannel strategy, building physical retail access alongside its digital-first foundation.

While online retail is expanding rapidly, personal computing remains a category where Indian consumers invest significant time in evaluation before making a purchase. . Industry estimates indicate that offline retail accounts for approximately 66 percent of the country's consumer electronics sales, underscoring the continued relevance of physical stores in high-consideration categories.

Consumers often prefer to experience a device physically before making a decision, especially in categories like laptops, where performance, display quality, keyboard experience, and overall build influence buying confidence. As digital discovery increasingly blends with offline validation, physical retail continues to play a decisive role in shaping final purchase decisions. Primebook's offline expansion aligns with this evolving hybrid consumer journey. The retail rollout will feature Primebook 2 Pro at Rs 17,990 and Primebook 2 Max at Rs 19,990, supported by Zero Down Payment EMI offerings designed to lower entry barriers in the personal computing segment.

Commenting on the development, Chitranshu Mahant, Co-founder and CEO of Primebook, said, Primebook was built to reimagine personal computing for a new generation of users. Expanding into offline retail strengthens our commitment to accessibility, not just in pricing, but in presence. By partnering with established retail leaders like Sangeetha Mobiles and Pai International, we are ensuring that more consumers can experience our laptops firsthand before making a decision.

Anil Prabhas from the Management team of Sangeetha Mobiles added, "We are witnessing increasing demand for affordable and performance-driven computing solutions across our markets. Primebook introduces a differentiated Android-based laptop category that aligns well with evolving consumer needs, and we believe this partnership will deliver strong value to customers."

S Rajkumar Pai, Managing Director, Pai International, said, Hyderabad and Bengaluru continue to be important technology consumption markets with a growing base of digitally native consumers. Primebook brings an innovative and accessible computing proposition to our shelves, and we are confident it will resonate strongly with our customers. With expanded retail presence, competitive pricing, and flexible financing options, Primebook aims to accelerate the adoption of Android-powered laptops while strengthening its presence across key markets in India.

Ex-BBMP Engineer Dies by Suicide after Corruption Case

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

RL Parameshwaraiah, a 63-year-old former chief engineer with the erstwhile BBMP, died by suicide at his Koramangala residence after being booked last month by the CBI in an old corruption case. Parameshwaraiah retired three years ago and lived with his family in Koramangala IV Block. He left a note in Kannada stating, "I am responsible for my death. Don't trouble anyone."

According to family sources, he was scheduled to appear before the CBI's anti-corruption bureau on Wednesday morning. An FIR under the Prevention of Corruption Act was registered against him on January 30.

The case traces back to December 2021, when Income Tax officials raided a civil contractor in Bengaluru and seized cash, gold, and land documents linked to Parameshwaraiah. Subsequently, a separate raid at his residence uncovered over Rs 86 lakh from a bank locker, whose key was reportedly held by his wife, along with documents for several land parcels and properties.

Authorities are investigating the matter, while family members are grappling with the shock of his sudden death.

Karnataka HC Flags Misuse of Section 69 in Consensual Relationships

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Justice Nagaprasanna observed that the registration of such cases often results in immediate arrests, even though the alleged offence carries a maximum imprisonment of 10 years.

The Karnataka High Court has expressed concern over an increasing trend of criminal cases being filed under Section 69 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, which deals with inducing women into sexual intercourse by deceit, including false promises of marriage. Justice M. Nagaprasanna, hearing a petition filed by a man accused under the provision, noted that several cases involve consensual relationships being suddenly criminalised after years together.

The petitioner's counsel told the court that the relationship began through an online dating platform and was entirely consensual, with the complainant herself acknowledging the nature of the relationship and even composing a poem about it. Despite this, the government advocate argued that the matter involved a promise of marriage, which falls under Section 69.

Justice Nagaprasanna observed that the registration of such cases often results in immediate arrests, even though the alleged offence carries a maximum imprisonment of 10 years. "After two to three years of a consensual relationship, a crime is registered, and the man is taken into custody," he said.

Highlighting the rise of similar cases following the enactment of the new penal provision, the court described the matter as a "classic illustration" of misuse. Noting the potential for harassment and overreach, the High Court stayed further investigation into the petitioner's case until the next hearing.

Since the petitioner was in judicial custody, the court directed his release on bail, subject to conditions, emphasizing the need for a balanced approach in applying Section 69.

The order signals judicial awareness of the fine line between protecting women from deceit and penalising consensual relationships, indicating that courts may increasingly scrutinise how Section 69 is invoked in practice.

HC Imposes Rs 10,000 Fine on Wife for Delaying Divorce Proceedings

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The Karnataka High Court has imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 on a woman for deliberately delaying her divorce proceedings, after she repeatedly filed interim applications and sought adjournments for over five years, despite having received Rs 27 lakh in alimony. The bench, led by Justice Dr Chilakuru Sumalatha, also directed the trial court to remit the fine to the Soldiers' Welfare Fund within three weeks.

The ruling came during a petition filed by a woman from Kanakapura, Ramanagara district, challenging a Family Court order that dismissed her plea to postpone hearings or challenge witnesses. The High Court noted that the repeated adjournments requested by the wife were obstructing the judicial process and causing undue inconvenience to the petitioner and the court.

"Such a liberal policy of adjourning hearings cannot be followed. Court proceedings cannot be conducted according to the wishes of the parties," the bench observed. The court stressed that misuse of provisions under the Family Courts Act and the Code of Civil Procedure to delay hearings undermines the efficiency of the justice system. "If such conduct is tolerated, no case can be resolved even in a decade," Justice Sumalatha noted.

The High Court also highlighted the wife's negligence and lack of cooperation in the continuous review of her applications. Her repeated delays prompted the Family Court to dismiss the interim plea, an order the High Court upheld, terming the Family Court's handling of the case as "highly commendable."

The bench further directed that future hearings should proceed only after the wife submits all relevant documents, ensuring that the case is disposed of without further obstruction. This verdict underscores the judiciary's intolerance for tactics that unnecessarily prolong litigation and serves as a warning to parties attempting to misuse legal procedures to delay justice.

RTI Act Not Meant for Accessing Spouse's I-T Returns, Rules HC

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Karnataka High Court has clarified that the Right to Information (RTI) Act cannot be used to obtain a spouse's income-tax returns for personal litigation, emphasizing that the Act is designed to ensure public accountability, not to facilitate private disputes.

The ruling came after a woman from Mumbai sought details of her husband's income-tax returns from 2012 to 2017, including taxes paid and the names and addresses of banks linked to his finances. Justice Suraj Govindaraj held that such information should be sought through judicial proceedings, such as summoning documents from the Income Tax Department or under court directions, rather than the RTI framework.

The court noted that I-T returns, assessment details, and related financial information fall under "personal information" as per Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005, and are exempt from disclosure unless there is a larger public interest. The husband was considered a "third party" under the Act, reinforcing that the information could not be released to the spouse.

Earlier, the Income Tax officer and Chief Public Information Officer had rejected the woman's RTI application, a decision upheld by the Joint Commissioner of Income Tax. She then approached the Central Information Commission (CIC), which in April 2019 directed the department to provide the information. The I-T Department challenged the CIC order before the High Court.

HUMANITARIAN CONCERN

Family Donates Teen's Organs, Grants Life to 3 Recipients

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

In an extraordinary act of compassion, the family of 19-year-old Darshan from Mandya donated his organs, giving new life to three patients after he was declared brain dead. The organ retrieval took place at the Trauma & Emergency Care Centre (TECC) of Victoria Hospital, Bengaluru, where Darshan had been receiving treatment.

Darshan, the sole breadwinner for his family, is survived by his father and sister. He suffered a fall from his motorcycle near Chikka Mandya on February 22. Returning home, he went to sleep without seeking medical attention. Observing unusual symptoms, his family admitted him to a local hospital, which referred him to TECC Bengaluru after diagnosing a severe internal brain haemorrhage. Despite the medical team's best efforts, he was declared brain dead upon arrival.

Counselled by Karnataka's State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTTO) Jeeva Sarthake, the family consented to organ donation. Following this, Darshan's organs were transplanted to eligible recipients, prioritizing patients in government facilities. His liver was allocated to a 26-year-old male at the Institute of Gastroenterology and Organ Transplant (IGOT), one kidney to another 26-year-old male, and the second kidney to a 38-year-old male at the Institute of Nephro-Urology. His heart valves were distributed to another hospital.

Darshan's body was returned to the family at 5 am on Wednesday. Medical officers at Victoria Hospital highlighted the courage and humanity shown by the family, noting that despite limited education and socio-economic challenges, they made a noble and selfless decision.

"We are deeply grateful to the family, who even in their moment of profound grief chose to serve society and brighten the lives of others," said Dr. Asima Banu, Special Officer at TECC, and Dr. S. Deepak, Medical Superintendent, Victoria Hospital.

QUICK READ

Swethanaga Venugopal earns doctorate in history

Ballari

Swethanaga Venugopal has been awarded a PhD by Kannada University. She completed her research in the Women's Studies Department of the Bhasha Nikaya, focusing on her thesis titled "Women under the Rule of the Kings of Surapura State." Her work was guided by mentor Dr. K. Venkatesh and co-mentor Dr. Shivananda S. Viraktamatha. The university highlighted that her study provides deep insights into the lives and roles of women during the Surapura State era, contributing valuable knowledge to historical and gender studies in Karnataka

Sri Jagadguru Renukacharya Jayanti to be held in Haveri

Haveri

The Sri Jagadguru Renuka Mandir (Nudina Math) will host the Sri Jagadguru Renukacharya Jayanti on March 1 at 11 am. The event is organized with the District Administration, District Panchayat, Kannada and Culture Department, and Sri Jagadguru Renukacharya Seva Samiti. Minister for Textiles Shivanand Patil will inaugurate the program in the presence of Union Minister Prahlad Joshi and Legislative Council Speaker Basavaraj Horat

Mother's love is priceless: KV Prabhakar

Prabhakar lamented parents in old age homes; presented the award to Tanuja Nayaka for highlighting social responsibility

GADAG

A mother's love cannot be measured in money, said K.V. Prabhakar, Media Advisor to the Chief Minister, while addressing the Matoshree Guruvva Shivalingappa Horatti Memorial Endowment Award function in Gadag.

The program was organized by Avva Seva Trust in association with the Karnataka Working Journalists' Association and the Mahatma Gandhi Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University.

Prabhakar said it is heartbreaking that many parents who sacrificed their comfort and dreams for their children are now living in old age homes.

He praised Legislative Council Speaker Basavaraj Horatti for keeping his mother's values alive through service. The award was presented to Tanuja Nayaka, whom he described as a sensitive writer who highlights women's emotions, family bonds, and social responsibility.

Speaking about rural journalism, Prabhakar recalled senior journalist P. Sainath

and called his book Everybody Loves a Good Drought a guiding light for reporters. He said real development is not just about city growth or rising stock markets, but about improving the lives of people in villages where nearly 70 percent of Indians live.

He noted that during demonetization and the Covid crisis, the rural economy and savings of village women protected many families. Journalism should focus on drinking water, health, education, and farmer issues. Reports on drought, crop disease, and contaminated water have pushed the government to act quickly. "If journalism is a mirror of society, villages must be clearly seen in it," he said, urging reporters to stand firmly with rural India and highlight its struggles and strengths.

SMFG India boosts rural lives with cattle

BELAGAVI

SMFG India Credit successfully completed the 8th edition of Pashu Vikas Day on February 14, 2026, reaching over 1.55 lakh rural people. This annual event focuses on livestock care, family well-being, and community progress under the theme "Sarvottam Seva: Pashu, Parivar aur Pragati."

Since 2014, the program has offered free veterinary care and expert advice to cattle owners, evolving into one of India's largest single-day livestock welfare initiatives. In Karnataka, 12,500 cattle were treated across 71 locations, benefiting more than 3,700 households with check-

ups, medicines, vaccinations, and guidance to improve milk yield. SMFG India's Managing Director, Ravi Narayanan, emphasized the link between healthy livestock and rural prosperity. Pashu Vikas Day has earned national and global recognition, including a Guinness World Record in 2025 for the largest simultaneous cattle welfare lesson.

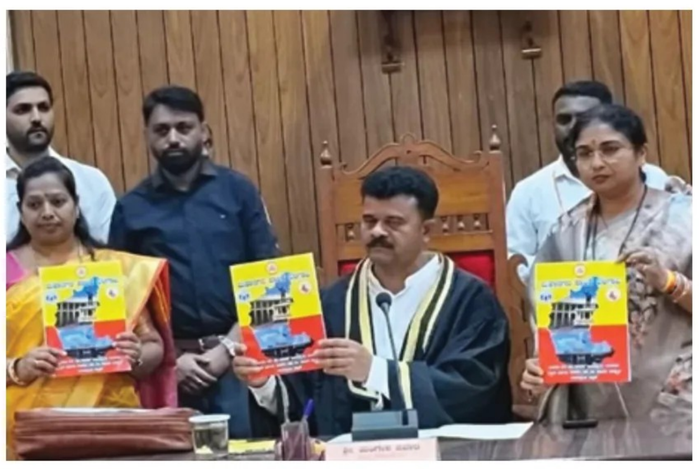
Belagavi civic body presents surplus budget

BELAGAVI

The Belagavi City Corporation has presented a surplus budget for the financial year 2026-27, estimating total receipts of ₹442.54 crore and expenditure of ₹441.62 crore. The budget shows a surplus of about ₹92 lakh.

Chairperson of the Taxation, Finance and Appeal Standing Committee Rekha Mohan Hugar presented the budget, drawing applause from ruling party members. Mayor Mangesh Pawar and Deputy Mayor Vani Vilas Joshi were present.

On the spending side, ₹38.25 crore has been set aside for outsourced cleanliness services and ₹11 crore for salaries of permanent civic workers. The corporation has earmarked ₹5 crore for its share in the CITIES 2.0 programme to improve solid waste management and ₹4 crore for scientific waste disposal. An amount of ₹2.10



crore will be used for sterilisation of stray dogs and building shelters, while ₹50 lakh is reserved for streetlight maintenance. The budget also includes ₹27 crore for development works, ₹1.35 crore for park development, ₹2 crore for underground drainage connections and community halls, and ₹1.45 crore to strengthen digital administration. In terms of revenue, the corporation expects ₹85 crore from property tax, along with income from building permissions, trade licences, waste management cess and sale of vacant properties. Grants from the State Finance Commission and the 16th Finance Commission form a major share of funds. Opposition leader Azim Patavegar questioned the revenue projections, while BJP member Hanumant Kongali described the budget as practical and realistic.

Jammu & Kashmir Dominate While Karnataka Fights Back in Hubballi

HUBBALLII

The city of Hubballi is in the cricketing spotlight as it hosts one of the most riveting domestic cricket matches of the year — the Ranji Trophy 2025-26 final between hosts Karnataka and Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) at the KSCA Stadium.

After three days of intense red-ball cricket on Thursday, Jammu & Kashmir crafted a mammoth first-innings total of 584 runs, powered by a superb century from Shubham Pundir and strong contributions from multiple batters. Their disciplined batting put immense pressure on the Karnataka bowling unit throughout Day 3.

In reply, Karnataka struggled initially against a probing J&K attack. Early breakthroughs by the visitors, especially the pace of Aqib Nabi, reduced the home side to a precarious 57/4, leaving their chances hanging. However, an extraordinary fightback was led by Mayank Agarwal, who produced a defiant unbeaten century. His fluent knock of 130 runs* provided stability and guided Karnataka to 220/5 at stumps, narrowing the deficit to 364 runs with two days yet to play.

With Agarwal holding the innings together alongside Kruthik Krishna, Karnataka's hopes now hinge on the resilience of their seasoned batters as they try to stave off defeat and possibly exploit the final two days to either force a draw or set a target.

This Ranji final is historic for Jammu & Kashmir — their first finals appearance — and their dominant first-innings batting has marked them as genuine challengers for the prestigious title.

Ballari police run to promote safety and awareness

BALLARI

The District Police Department of Ballari, in collaboration with JSW and BMAA, will organize the "Ballari Police Run" on March 1 at 7 am at the DAR Police Ground. The event includes a marathon and walkathon aimed at creating social awareness on road safety, cybercrime prevention, violence against women and children, and promoting a drug-free society.

The program is held under the slogan, "Run for Awareness, Run for Strength, Run for Ballari." Participants can join in the 2K Walkathon, 5K Marathon, or 10K Marathon. The 2K Walkathon for senior citizens will cover DAR Ground, Sangam Circle, Gadigi Chennappa Circle, Old Court Road, and return to DAR Ground. The 5K Marathon starts from DAR Maidan, passes through Gadigi Chennappa Circle, Bangalore Road, H.R. Gaviyappa Circle, Railway Station Road, and returns to DAR Maidan. The 10K Marathon follows a longer route covering key landmarks including Brucepet Police Station, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Circle, Kanaka Durgamma Temple, and Basaveshwara Nagar Main Road.

Attractive cash prizes have been announced. Winners of the 5K Marathon will receive ₹10,000 for first place, ₹7,000 for second, and ₹4,000 for third. In the 10K Marathon, first place will get ₹15,000, second ₹10,000, and third ₹7,000. A quiz competition will follow the run at DAR Ground, and participants answering correctly will receive helmets.

District Superintendent of Police Dr. Suman D. Pannekar urged school and college students, government and private employees, youth, and the public to join in large numbers. Special T-shirts for participants have been released to mark the event. The program aims to combine fitness with public awareness and community engagement.

NWKRTC Bus Fleet Crisis Hits Hubballi & Regional Services

HUBBALLI

Public transportation in and around Hubballi and North Karnataka is facing a serious challenge as the North West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) grapples with ageing buses and a pressing need for fleet modernization.

According to official transport sources, a staggering 289 NWKRTC buses are slated to be scrapped by the end of the current fiscal year (2025-26) because they have reached the end of their service life.

Another 500 buses are expected to join them in 2026-27 once they complete 15 years of use, further exacerbating the shortage.

While 330 new buses have recently been introduced to replace some of the old fleet, authorities admit this addition still falls short of the surging passenger demand, particularly in rural and intra-city sectors.

The pressing issue has come to the fore under the popular Shakti scheme — a state government initiative

providing free bus travel for women — which has dramatically increased ridership. NWKRTC officials point out that local routes, especially around district headquarters and major taluk centres, are operating with insufficient vehicles and understaffed depots.

In contrast with demand on longer inter-town journeys that remain relatively covered, the shortage is most acute in urban and peri-urban segments where passengers rely on buses for daily commutes, school runs, and work. Adding to operational challenges are staffing gaps and logistical delays in deploying the new buses effectively.

NWKRTC engineers and managing officials have reaffirmed the urgency to procure more buses, recruit staff, and plan strategically for the next financial year to maintain reliable services.

As residents and daily travellers keenly watch developments, local civic groups are advocating for expedited action to secure better public transport in Hubballi and neighbouring regions.

Haveri cancels licences of defaulting finance firms

HAVERI

The district administration has cancelled the licences of 57 finance companies and pawnbrokers for failing to renew their permits within the prescribed time. The action was announced by the Assistant Registrar of Moneylenders and Pawnbrokers under the provisions of the Karnataka Pawnbrokers Act, 1961.

According to officials, these firms continued operations even after their licence period ended and did not submit renewal applications as required by law. They also failed to provide mandatory records, including Form No. 6 and Form No. 7, and did not submit annual audit reports related to their security deposits.

Authorities said repeated reminders were issued, but the institutions did not respond within the given timeframe. As a result, the district administration has decided not only to cancel their licences but also to initiate steps to forfeit the security deposits to the government.

The administration has given the concerned firms a final opportunity to submit their audit reports and explanations within seven days from the date of publication of the notice. If they fail to respond within this deadline, further legal action will follow.

Officials stated that the move aims to protect the interests of the public and ensure that only legally compliant financial institutions operate in the district. Strict monitoring will continue to prevent unauthorized lending activities.

The district administration has urged citizens to verify the licence status of any finance company or pawnbroker before entering into financial transactions to avoid inconvenience or loss.

QUICK READ

Public invited to file tree objections

Gadag

Authorities have announced that 92 tree stumps along the road between Nagavi Cross and Basapura Cross in Mulagunda are set to be removed. Of these, 47 stumps are on the left side and 45 on the right within the Gadag branch limits. Citizens who wish to raise objections can submit written complaints to the Assistant Conservator of Forests at the Gadag Sub-Division office in Binkadakatti before March 5. Objections may also be filed at the site locations on March 6 between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm. Late submissions will not be accepted, officials said.

Public invited to raise land objections

Gadag

The Karnataka State Senior Citizens and Retired Employees Welfare Development Association, Karnataka State Dalit Sangharsh Samiti, and Indian Medical Association have applied for land in Mundargi to construct community and medical service buildings. In a meeting held on February 5, municipal officials passed Resolution No. 176 to lease the sites for 30 years. Citizens with objections can submit written complaints with supporting documents to the Mundargi Municipality office within 30 days from publication. Officials said late applications will not be accepted. If no objections are received, the municipality will proceed as per rules.

Preparations underway for celebrating spiritual jayantis

Haveri

Dr. Nagaraj A. Haveri directed officials to organize meaningful celebrations for the birth anniversaries of Sri Jagadguru Renukacharya and Sri Yoginareyana Yathindra (Kaivara Tatayya). A pre-preparation meeting was held at the District Magistrate's office, where officials planned the events. Sri Jagadguru Renukacharya's Jayanti will be celebrated on March 1 at 11 am at Sri Jagadguru Renuka Mandir (Nudina Math), and Kaivara Tatayya's on March 3 at Gandhi Bhavan, Haveri, at 11 am. Arrangements include invitations, seating, lecturers, and breakfast. Veeraiah Swamy Hiremath, Assistant Director of Kannada and Culture Department, briefed officials on government guidelines. Community leaders will participate in both events.

Satish Jarkiholi asserts party unity with Patil

The minister said strict action is taken against land grabbers using fake Aadhaar cards and directed officials to curb the land mafia

CHIKKODI

Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi said that while he and former minister A.B. Patil may differ in local matters, they stand united when it comes to the party.

Speaking to reporters in Hukkeri, Jarkiholi said that during local elections they may work separately based on circumstances. However, when contesting under the party symbol, both leaders campaign together. He said A.B. Patil has also made a similar statement, and this shows there is no division within the party. His remarks are seen as a message to the opposition that internal unity remains strong.

The minister also addressed the issue of land grabbing in Hukkeri taluk. He said strict action has already been taken against people who created fake Aadhaar cards to grab land. Officials have been instructed to act firmly against those involved in such illegal activities. He added that steps are being taken to curb the

land mafia across the district.

On the debate over a Dalit Chief Minister, Jarkiholi said raising the issue unnecessarily creates confusion. He stated that such decisions are not in his hands.

Responding to reports that 25 MLAs have written to the party high command seeking ministerial positions, he said there is nothing wrong in expressing aspirations. According to him, leadership can decide based on merit.

He also commented on student protests over delays in filling vacant government posts, noting that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has already held discussions on the matter.

Officials prepare for District Janata Darshan

The Collector instructed officers to review pending applications, resolve issues promptly, ensure transparent disposal within deadlines, and coordinate across departments to strengthen public trust in government

GADAG

A preparatory meeting for the district-level Janata Darshan programme was held at the District Collector's office under the chairmanship of District Collector C.N. Sridhar. Officials were instructed to conduct the public grievance programme in a disciplined and organized manner.

Speaking at the meeting, Sridhar said Janata Darshan is an important platform for solving people's problems quickly. He stressed that proper arrangements must be made to avoid confusion and ensure smooth functioning. Every applicant attending the programme should receive clear guidance, and their petitions must be registered without delay and forwarded to the concerned departments.

The Collector directed officers to review pending applications in their departments and try to resolve as many issues as possible on the spot. He said the disposal process must be transparent and completed within a fixed time frame. Coordination among departments is essential to strengthen public trust in the government, he added. The Janata Darshan programme will be held on February 27 from 10 am to 5 pm at the District Administration Building under the leadership of District In-charge Minister H. K. Patil. Sridhar instructed all department heads to attend on time and carry relevant records for quick action. The meeting reviewed applications received from various departments and discussed steps taken so far. Additional District Collector Dr. Duragesh K.R., Deputy Secretary C.R. Mundaragi, Sub-Divisional Officer Gangappa M, and other senior officials were present.

Konareddy said under Congress, workers' facilities improved, and Panch Guarantee schemes provided relief, benefiting lakhs of poor families

Government focuses on worker safety, says MLA

NAVALGUND

The protection and welfare of workers remain a top priority for the government, said MLA N H Konareddy, while distributing safety kits to beneficiaries of the Labour Department at his Mass Relations office in Navalgund.

Speaking at the event, Konareddy highlighted that earlier, many workers did not receive adequate facilities. He said that under the current Congress-led government, headed by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar, the working class has been able to live a more comfortable life. He added that the Panch Guarantee schemes have significantly improved the lives of poor families, providing relief to lakhs of households in distress.

Konareddy emphasized that

the government's initiatives are pro-poor and aim to reach the most marginalized sections of society, ensuring social and economic support.

Senior Labour Inspectors Sangeetha Benakankoppa and Ashok Wodeyar, along with Trade Union Taluk President Lakshman Kudarada, and office bearers Mohammed Makandara, Hanumantha Hebli, Wasima Annigeri, Bhaskarasaba Mirji, and Sharifa Kalanaicar, were present at the event.

Officials and organizers encouraged workers to make full use of government welfare schemes and safety measures. Konareddy also stressed the need for continuous monitoring and support to safeguard workers' rights and ensure a secure and dignified working environment in Navalgund and surrounding areas.

Wife, son, friends arrested over husband murder

BELGAUM

Kittur police have solved a shocking murder case in Hirenandihalli village. Kalmesha Koti, 50, was found dead on February 20 in a maize field. Police investigations revealed that Kalmesha's wife, Kasturi Koti, 42, and their son, Kiran Koti, 25, plotted the murder to claim his property. Kasturi, who had been living separately for 12 years due to marital issues, allegedly enlisted the help of Mallesha Ambannavar, 32, and his friend Mudukappa Kolekar, 30, to kill Kalmesha. The men lured him to a farm under the pretext of a party. After the murder, the accused tried to hide the crime and dispose of the body elsewhere. Police Superintendent K. Ramarajan confirmed that all four accused have been arrested. Villagers expressed shock at the betrayal within the family.

The case highlights disputes over property leading to tragic consequences.

Shivaji Jayanti celebrated with grand procession

KOPPAL

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj is a lasting inspiration for the young generation, said MLA K. Raghavendra Hitnal during the Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Jayanti celebrations held at Sahitya Bhavan in Koppal.

The event was organized jointly by the district administration, Zilla Panchayat, Kannada and Culture Department, Municipal Council and Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maratha Samaj. Leaders paid floral tributes to Shivaji's portrait and remembered his bravery and patriotism.

Raghavendra Hitnal said Shivaji Maharaj achieved great success at a young age and introduced strong military and administrative reforms. He noted that Shivaji's life continues to inspire people across generations. MLC Hemalatha Nayak said Shivaji fulfilled the dream of Swaraj inspired by his mother Jijabai and urged everyone to follow his values.

Maratha Development Corporation State President G.H. Marioji Rao said education and unity are important for progress. Additional Deputy Commissioner Sidrameshwar said Shivaji respected all religions and stood for humanity. Advocate Uday Singh Thakur highlighted the role of Jijabai in shaping Shivaji's character and said youth should learn from his respect for women and courage.

A costume competition featuring Shivaji and Jijabai added color to the program. Later, MP Rajashekar Hitnal flagged off a grand procession accompanied by traditional drum beats. Around 300 women participated as the procession moved through Jawahar Road to Tulja Bhavani Temple, where prasad was distributed. Police officials ensured smooth arrangements, making the celebration peaceful and memorable for all participants.

Coordination key for delivering guarantee benefits: Masali

KITTUR

Officials must work together to ensure that state government guarantee schemes reach genuine beneficiaries without delay, said Executive Officer Ningappa Masali at a review meeting held at the Taluk Panchayat auditorium in Kittur.

Addressing members of the Taluk Guarantee Schemes Implementation Committee, Masali stressed that applications should be processed quickly and responsibly. He said any problems at the village level must be resolved immediately so that eligible families are not made to suffer. Transparency, accountability and proper coordination among departments are essential for effective implementation, he added.

District Guarantee Committee Vice-President Rudraiah Hiremath described the guarantee schemes as a ray of hope for common people. He said the benefits must reach every deserving person without confusion or unnecessary hurdles. Taluk Guarantee Committee President Gangappa Hurakadli emphasized the need to create awareness in rural areas. He suggested organizing public awareness programmes to educate people about available schemes and clear doubts.

Officials from different departments shared updates on the progress of ongoing projects. The committee carefully reviewed the implementation status and discussed steps to improve delivery at the grassroots level. Authorities were urged to work proactively and maintain close communication with local bodies to avoid delays.

TAPAM Assistant Directors Mohammed Ghouse Risaldar and Vijay Patil, Office Manager Rajeshwari Pattanashetty, committee members and staff attended the meeting.

The gathering concluded with a clear message that coordinated efforts and timely action are necessary to ensure that government guarantees truly benefit the deserving families.

RSS leaders clash, sword attack shocks town

BELAGAVI

A violent clash between present and former taluk leaders of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh has shocked Sankeshwar town in Hukkeri taluk. Police have arrested seven people after a sword attack on local leader Dattatreya Thorawat.

According to police sources, Dattatreya Thorawat, who currently heads the RSS taluk unit, was chased and attacked by supporters of former taluk leader Sameer Patil. The incident took place when Thorawat was stepping out of a marriage hall in Sankeshwar. Armed with a talwar, the attackers allegedly tried to assault him. In a desperate attempt to save himself, Thorawat ran towards a crowded area, which helped him escape with his life.

Police said there had been tension between the two groups for nearly a year after the leadership change. Investigators revealed that the attack was planned in advance. The accused allegedly met at a farmhouse in Hargapur village and contacted associates from Maharashtra to carry out the assault.

The sudden attack created panic in Sankeshwar, with residents rushing indoors as news spread.

EKYC FOR FARMERS

Farmers must register centrally for PM-KISAN benefits

BALLARI

Farmers in Ballari district have been instructed to create a centrally registered farmer number to receive PM-KISAN incentives, according to Joint Director of Agriculture Somasunder.

This registration requires e-KYC, linking a mobile number, and including all land holdings under the farmer's name in the FID (Farmer ID) system.

New guidelines from the Central Government stress the importance of regularly updating land and crop information. Farmers must provide their consent electronically and ensure that all details, including e-KYC and mobile numbers, are correctly entered in their FID. Once completed, the government will generate a Central Farmer ID.

This ID will be compulsory to access other central schemes such as PM-KISAN Yojana, drought relief programs, crop insurance, and more.

Farmers who fail to register may miss out on benefits from both Central and State Government schemes.

Authorities advise farmers to carry their Aadhaar card, Aadhaar-linked mobile number, bank passbook, photocopies, and all relevant certificates when visiting the nearest Raitha Sampark Kendra, Gram One Kendra, or Horticulture Department office to complete registration.

For assistance, farmers can reach out to the Agriculture Officer at Raitha Sampark Kendra, Taluk Assistant Director of Agriculture, or Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture offices.

Authorities urged all farmers to complete the process promptly to secure financial support and other government benefits.

POCSO CASE AFTER VIRAL VIDEO CONTROVERSY

YADGIR

A video of self-styled godman Mallikarjuna Mutya has gone viral on social media, leading to a POCSO case being registered against him at Gogi Police Station in Shahapur taluk.

In the video, Mutya is seen holding a minor girl on his lap and caressing her. After the clip spread widely, the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights took note of the matter. Commission Chairman Shasidhara Kosambe wrote to the Yadagiri Superintendent of Police seeking action. Based on a complaint by Child Development Scheme Officers, police

registered a case under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and began investigation.

Reacting to the controversy, Mutya told media that the video being shared everywhere has caused pain to the family.

QUICK READ

Scholarship drive brings hope for students

Tumakuru

A scholarship program will be held on Feb. 27 at 10.30 am at Kannada Sahitya Bhavan in Tumakuru city. The event is organized by BSS Sonata Micro Credit Limited to support deserving students. Additional District Superintendent of Police M.L. Purushottam will attend as the chief guest. Field Education Officer M. Hanumanthappa, Chief Operating Officer S. Panchakshari, State Head Jagadish H.V., and Head Pandit Gangadhar Patil will also be present. Organizers said the program aims to encourage education and provide financial help to students striving for a better future. Parents and teachers are expected to attend.

Deadline extended for textile SME proposal submissions

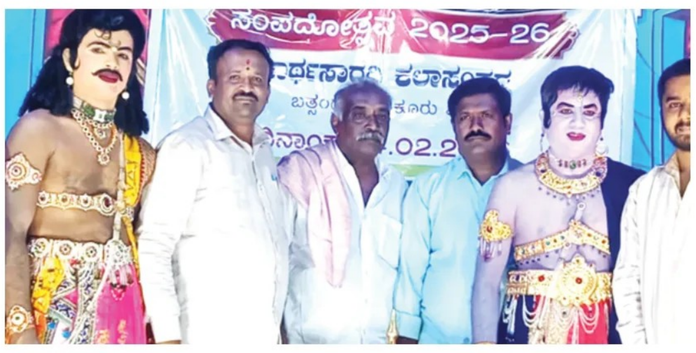
Chikkaballapur

The Handloom and Textiles Department has extended the deadline for submitting proposals under the SME Scheme 2025-26 to March 5. The scheme provides a 75% investment subsidy and 5% annual interest subsidy for textile units, encouraging individuals, partnerships, companies, and cooperative societies from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to start small and micro enterprises. Applicants who have received approval from the District Level Single Window Approval Committee and bank loans are eligible. Proposals with complete documents should be submitted to the Deputy Director's office, Room No. SA-14, Second Floor, District Administration Building, Chikkaballapur. For details, contact 08156-277031 during office hours.

MYTHOLOGICAL DRAMA DRAWS THOUSANDS IN SIRA

TUMAKURU

A grand mythological play titled Kurukshetra Dharma Rajya Sukhi was staged as part of the Kadavigere Kariamma Devi Jatra Mahotsava in Sira taluk of Tumakuru district. The event was jointly organized by Parthasarathi Kala Sampada and the Kannada and Culture Department.



The drama was inaugurated by the troupe's President B.V. Nagabhushan, who lit the ceremonial lamp and addressed the gathering. He said mythological theatre in the district is steadily growing, especially because of the strong support given to rural amateur artists. According to him, village theatre groups are becoming a guiding light for many people and keeping traditional art alive.

Nagabhushan praised the cultural richness and generosity of rural communities. He noted that thousands of spectators attending such plays clearly show the love people still have for theatre. He added that amateur artists often perform with deep dedication, even without expecting rewards, and deserve appreciation and encouragement.

The colourful performance attracted a large audience, who cheered the artists throughout the evening. The organizers said such events help preserve heritage and pass it on to younger generations.

Managing Chairman Jayaramiah Kalegowda, Vijayakumar, Raju, Music Director Siddaganga Kumbar, retired Education Officer Doddalingappa, retired teacher Siddappa and several others were present.

Seven Nelamangala Councillors disqualified by collector

DEVANAHALLI

District Collector A. B. Basavaraju has disqualified seven members of the Nelamangala Municipal Council with immediate effect under the Karnataka Local Bodies (Prohibition of Defection) Act, 1987.

The action was taken after the councillors allegedly violated the party whip during the election for the posts of president and vice-president held on February 13, 2025. According to the order, the members, who were elected under the Janata Dal Secular symbol, voted for candidates of another party instead of supporting their own party nominees.

The disqualified councillors are Anandji, Padmanabha Prasanna, Dakshayani Ravikumar, Narasimhamurthy, Bharathibai, Sharada Umesh and Lata Hemanthakumar. The District Collector stated that the decision was made after examining the complaint and related documents.

A complaint had been filed by district JDS president B. Munegowda under Sections 3 and 4 of the Defection Act. He alleged that the councillors committed electoral misconduct by cross-voting in favour of Congress candidates, going against the official party direction.

Based on the findings, the Collector exercised powers under Section 4(2)(iii) of the Act and ordered their removal from membership of the municipal council.

Such actions under the anti-defection law aim to maintain party discipline in local bodies. Similar cases have been reported in other districts where members were removed for violating party whips during internal elections. The order has brought major political attention to Nelamangala, and further developments are expected in the coming days.

Chitradurga Honors Saint Renukacharya with Grand Celebration

CHITRADURGA

The Chitradurga district administration is set to celebrate the birth anniversary of Shri Jagadguru Renukacharya on March 1. Organized alongside the Department of Kannada and Culture, the event will begin at 11:00 AM at the Deputy Commissioner's office. District In-charge Minister D. Sudhakar will inaugurate the ceremony, which will be presided over by MLA K.C. Veerendra Puppy.

Prominent leaders, including MP Govind Karajol and several state board chairmen, will attend to honor the saint's spiritual legacy. To enrich the program, scholar Niranjana Devara Mane will deliver a special lecture on Renukacharya's life, while Ayitola Virupakshappa's team will perform devotional songs. Assistant Director Dr. B.M. Gurunath has invited the public to join this cultural tribute, which aims to unite the community through the saint's timeless teachings of peace and harmony. This gathering highlights the region's deep-rooted respect for its rich spiritual heritage.

Magadi MLA promises regular revenue adalats

MAGADI

MLA H. C. Balakrishna said revenue and survey adalats will be held once every six months to solve land-related problems in the taluk. He spoke at a public grievances meeting at the Taluk Panchayat Hall after receiving petitions from residents.

The MLA said the recent revenue and survey adalat was successful and many long-pending issues were cleared. He assured people that problems not solved earlier would be taken up again. In another month, the District Collector and Sub-Divisional Officer will be invited to the taluk office to address remaining cases. He warned that strict action would be taken against officials if lapses are found.

Balakrishna directed officers not to allow illegal soil extraction from lakes or private lands. He said JCB machines and tractors involved in such activities must be seized and legal steps taken. Village Accountants and Revenue Inspectors were cautioned to act responsibly.

He also asked forest officials not to trouble farmers who have been cultivating land near forest areas for years and have applied for cultivation certificates. He assured support for genuine beneficiaries.

Referring to an incident in Kodipalya village, he suggested action against a surveyor who allegedly inspected a farmer's land without notice. He urged officials to respond quickly when farmers approach them with land issues and avoid creating fear.

Officials present included Tahsildar Sharath Kumar, EO Jayapalu, Inspector Srinivas and other department heads.

Karnataka One franchise applications open now

CHIKKABALLAPUR

The state government has invited applications for setting up new Karnataka One Franchise Centres in Chikkaballapur district.

These centres provide multiple government services under one roof, making it easier for urban residents to access them. Interested candidates from Bagepalli, Chikkaballapur, Chintamani, and Shidlaghatta taluks can apply online through the Seva Sindhu portal at https://www.karnatakaone.gov.in/Public/FranchiseeTerms. Applications submitted in any other way will not be accepted. The deadline for submission is March 2, District Collector G. Prabhu stated, urging eligible applicants to complete the process within the given timeframe.

Diploma student ends life in Turuvekere

TUMAKURU

Tragedy struck Turuvekere town when 19-year-old second-year Diploma student Dhanush from Goppenahalli village near Kondaji jumped into a water body behind the local Diploma College embankment, ending his life after posting a heartbreaking social media status: "You are happy, I am leaving the world." On Wednesday, February 25, Dhanush left home in the morning, telling his parents he was heading to college. He failed to return by evening and didn't answer their frantic calls. Alarmed family members launched a desperate search across town.

Their hunt led them to the college rear embankment, where they discovered Dhanush's bag, slippers, and mobile phone abandoned near the water's edge. A chilling pre-suicide status on his phone confirmed their worst fears. The parents rushed to alert Turuvekere police.

Fire brigade teams swiftly responded, retrieving Dhanush's body from the water body. It was shifted to Turuvekere Government Hospital morgue for post-mortem examination.

Police have registered a case and launched an investigation into the circumstances leading to the suicide. The poignant farewell message has left the community reeling, raising urgent questions about youth mental health pressures in small-town Karnataka. Preliminary inquiries suggest academic or personal stress may have contributed, though motives remain unconfirmed pending family statements and phone analysis. This incident underscores the silent struggles many students face amid mounting expectations.

25,000 to receive revenue benefits: Prabhu

CHIKKABALLAPURA

Deputy Commissioner G. Prabhu said all preparations are complete for distributing revenue benefits to nearly 25,000 beneficiaries at the district headquarters. He urged citizens to attend the Revenue Services Guarantee Dedication Conference in large numbers.

Speaking to reporters after inspecting the venue near Chokkahalli on the outskirts of the city, he said the event will cover distribution of Pouthi accounts, Darkhastu podi documents, monthly allowances and revenue village rights. The programme is expected to benefit thousands of families across the district.

Prabhu said around 18,000 to 20,000 beneficiaries and residents are likely to attend the conference. To ensure smooth travel, buses have been arranged taluk-wise for participants. People's representatives and officials have been invited following official protocol.

He said the District Incharge Minister has already held meetings and issued directions for the successful conduct of the programme. The Minister is also scheduled to visit the venue and review the arrangements personally.

The Deputy Commissioner described the event as a historic moment for the district, made possible with the support of the District In-charge Minister and the Revenue Minister. He added that such initiatives strengthen trust between the public and the administration.

Prabhu appealed to citizens to participate actively and encourage the administration to continue organizing more people-friendly programmes in the future.

Additional District Collector Dr. N. Bhaskar, Sub-Divisional Officer D.H. Ashwin, Zilla Panchayat Deputy Secretary Atik Pasha and several department officials were present.

Direct Railway Line To Be Ready By 2027

CHITRADURGA

The long-awaited direct railway line between Davanagere and Chitradurga is officially set to be completed by June 2027, fulfilling a decades-old dream for the region. Union Minister of State for Railways, V. Somanna, announced this deadline on Thursday after inspecting the ongoing construction work near Hampanuru village. During his visit, the Minister expressed significant dissatisfaction with the current pace of work, noting that only nine percent of the physical project in the district has been finished so far.

This ambitious project is a game-changer for local commuters, as it will reduce the travel distance between Davanagere and Bengaluru by nearly 80 kilometers. Minister Somanna strictly warned contractors and engineers to accelerate their efforts immediately, stating he would conduct monthly video conferences to monitor progress personally. He emphasized that once operational, this vital route will significantly boost the economic and industrial growth of Central Karnataka's districts, creating new opportunities for trade and local employment.

The Minister also made a firm appeal to local farmers regarding land acquisition. While farmers were previously allowed to harvest crops on acquired land as a courtesy, Somanna clarified that this practice must end to avoid further construction delays. He directed district authorities to seek police protection if work is obstructed. Additionally, plans are finalized to build a major railway station near Lakshmisagara, incorporating suggestions from the Sirigere Seer to provide essential infrastructure for devotees. With 192 bridges planned along the route, the government remains determined to meet the 2027 deadline and finally open this essential transport link for the public.

Udupi Set To Celebrate Spiritual Icons Jointly

UDUPI

The Udupi district administration is all set to host a combined celebration of the birth anniversaries of Saint Renukacharya and Yogi Narayana Yatindra. This dual cultural event is scheduled to take place on March 3 at the District Collector's office court hall in Rajatadri. Organized in collaboration with the Zilla Panchayat and the Department of Kannada and Culture, the program aims to honor the profound spiritual contributions and timeless teachings of these two revered historical figures.

Minister for Women and Child Development and District In-charge, Lakshmi Hebbalkar, will officially inaugurate the proceedings. The event will be presided over by MLA Yashpal Suvarn, reflecting a strong local administrative commitment to preserving regional heritage. A distinguished list of attendees is expected, including Members of Parliament Kota Srinivas Poojary and B.Y. Raghavendra. Their presence, along with several local legislators like V. Sunil Kumar and Gurme Suresh Shetty, underscores the cultural and social significance of this gathering for the people of coastal Karnataka.

Key district officials, including Deputy Commissioner Swaroopa T.K. and Zilla Panchayat CEO Prateek Bayal, will also be present to ensure the smooth conduct of the ceremony. The event serves as a vital platform for citizens to reconnect with the values of peace and social reform advocated by the saints. By bringing together leaders and the public, the administration hopes to foster a sense of unity and spiritual reflection. Assistant directors from the culture department have invited all residents to participate in this meaningful tribute to Karnataka's rich and diverse spiritual legacy.

Holalkere Court Invites Bids For Canteen Contract

CHITRADURGA

The Office of the Principal District and Sessions Judge has officially invited price quotations from eligible individuals to operate the canteen within the Holalkere Court premises.

Interested bidders must submit detailed menus, food portions, and pricing in a sealed envelope.

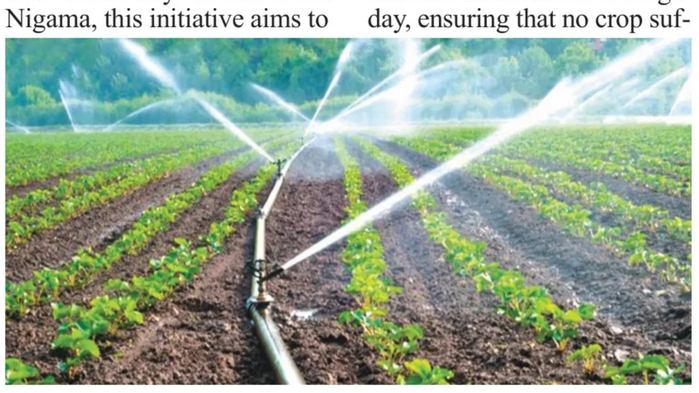
Applications should reach the District Judge's office in Chitradurga by 5:00 PM on March 10.

The submitted bids will be formally opened on March 12 at 5:00 PM in the presence of the Judge. For further technical details and specific requirements, interested parties can contact the Principal District and Sessions Court office directly.

New Irrigation Project To Benefit Mandya Farmers

MANDYA

In a significant move to bolster the local agricultural sector, MLA P. Ravikumar Gowda officially launched the Vishweshwaraiya Branch Canal distribution work earlier today. The project, valued at five crore rupees, is designed to streamline water flow from Mallayanadoddi through B. Gowdagere, reaching all the way to Kannali. Executed by the Cauvery Neeravari Nigama, this initiative aims to resolve long-standing water scarcity issues that have plagued farmers in the tail-end regions of the canal system for several years.



During the inauguration ceremony held at Mallayanadoddi village, the MLA emphasized that providing a reliable water supply to every farmer is the government's top priority. He noted that once this construction is completed, water will reach the furthest fields within a single day, ensuring that no crop suffers due to a lack of irrigation. This project stands as a testament to the administration's commitment to rural welfare and sustainable farming practices in the district.

Looking ahead, the MLA promised a renewed focus on lake rejuvenation and permanent irrigation solutions to transform the region's agricultural landscape. The event saw participation from prominent local leaders, including former Taluk Panchayat President Tyagaraju and various community members who welcomed the move. In a separate administrative development, the Mandya Urban Development Authority (MUDA) held a general meeting chaired by B.P. Prakash. Officials discussed urban planning and regional growth, highlighting a busy day of governance aimed at both rural and city development across Mandya.

QUICK READ

Unidentified vehicle kills young man

Basavakalyan

A tragic accident occurred near Tadola village on National Highway-65, when an unidentified vehicle struck a young man, killing him. The deceased has been identified as Narsingh Metre, who had left home two days earlier. Authorities, including Basavakalyan CPI Alisab and a local police team, visited the site and conducted a thorough inspection. The incident has raised concerns over road safety and hit-and-run cases in the region. Police investigations are ongoing to identify the vehicle and ensure justice for the victim's family.

KSOU opens admissions for 2025-26 academic year

Chikkaballapur

Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) has started admissions for the 2025-26 academic year at its Chikkaballapur Regional Centre. Undergraduate courses include B.A., B.Com., B.B.A., B.C.A., B.L.I.S.C., B.Sc., and B.S.W., while postgraduate options include M.A., M.Com., M.B.A., M.C.A., M.L.I.S.E., M.S.W., and PG Diploma Certificate programs. Admissions can be completed online by paying the required fees. Eligibility follows UGC regulations, recognizing education from physical, regular, and open universities equally. Interested students can contact the Regional Centre at the Government First Grade College Campus, M.G. Road, Chikkaballapur, via phone numbers 9964690481, 8618821417, 9448860885, or 6361508799 for more details.

Residents demand permanent PDO for Ambalaga village

KALABURAGI

Residents of Ambalaga in Kamalapur taluk are urging authorities to appoint a permanent Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) as the post has been vacant for the last six months, causing a slowdown in village development.

The Ambedkar Yuva Sena submitted a formal request to the Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer, demanding the immediate posting of an officer. According to the organization, administration in the village has suffered severely due to the vacancy. Works under the NREGA scheme have stalled, leaving laborers unemployed and unpaid for completed work.

Basic services such as drainage cleaning, drinking water supply, and street light maintenance have also been halted. Villagers have reportedly faced repeated delays, as even minor work requires signatures that cannot be obtained without an official in the office.

The Ambedkar Yuva Sena warned that if a permanent PDO is not appointed soon, they will launch a public struggle to address the issue.

On the occasion, leaders including Srikanta Talakeri, president, Vijayakumar Talakeri, vice president, Sharanu S., general secretary, along with Kartik Talakeri, Vidyananda Talakeri, Prajwal Talakeri, Praveena Talakeri, and Vishal Talakeri, were present and voiced their concern. The organization urged the administration to act promptly, highlighting that the lack of leadership at the panchayat level is directly affecting the welfare and daily lives of villagers.

Preparations underway for Renukacharya Jayanti celebrations

KALABURAGI

Officials and community leaders gathered at a preliminary meeting chaired by Assistant Collector Shiv Prabhu Hiremath to plan the grand celebration of Sri Renukacharya Jayanti on March 1. The program will begin at 1 pm at SM Pandit Theater, with participation from district leaders, officers, and cultural experts.

It was decided that the Jayanti would also be observed at 9 am in all government offices, schools, and colleges across the district. Expert lecturers will be invited, and musical performances and songs are planned to enrich the event. Officials were instructed to ensure cleanliness, hygiene, and drinking water arrangements at the venue.

All India Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha District President Sharankumar Modi will preside over the event. Basavaraja Mathapati Kamalapura has been chosen as the committee chairman, while Nagalingaiah Mathapati will serve as host. The Kannada and Culture Department will manage press invitations and program protocols.

Bagalkote protest demands action after stone pelting

BAGALKOTE

Members of the Hindu Hitraraksha Samiti held a protest on Thursday morning in front of the district administration building at Navnagar. The demonstration condemned a stone-pelting incident that occurred during a recent Shivaji Jayanti procession.

The protest was attended by MPs P.C. Gaddigowda and Narayana Sa Bhande, MLA Arvinda Bellada, Vidhan Parishad member P.H. Pujara, and leaders from the Hindu Jagran Forum, including Vasant and Srikanta Hoskeri.

Protestors demanded strict action against the office bearers of the mosque management committee, alleging that stones were thrown from near the mosque during the procession. They also expressed frustration with the district administration and the state government, calling for stronger measures to prevent such incidents in the future.

The Samiti emphasized the need for security during public events and warned that peaceful festivals must not be disrupted by violence, urging authorities to ensure safety and justice for community members.

Sapta Tulabhara music festival to light up Bhagyanagar

BHAGYANAGAR

A grand musical event, Sapta Tulabhara and Swara Sangeetsava, will be held on February 28 at Pawara Garden Kalyana Mantapa in Bhagyanagar. The program is jointly organized by Sri Guru Puttaraja Gawai's Music and Fine Arts Institute and the Kannada and Culture Department to support blind and orphaned children of Veereshwara Punyashram in Gadag.

The festival will feature national and international artists performing in a variety of musical genres. Violinists include Pm Shankar Kabadi, Narayan Hire Kolachi, and Pm Rajendra Nakode on tabla, while vocalists such as Pm Somnath Maradur, Pm Kumar Maradur, Pm Sadashiva Aihole, and Pm Doddaiah Gawaigalu will entertain audiences. Abhinava Gavisiddeshwara Mahaswamy and Pandit Kallayyajja will also perform, highlighting traditional classical music.

The event will be inaugurated by District In-charge Minister Shivaraj Thangadgi, with Bhagyanagar Town Panchayat President Ramesh Hatty as chairman. MLA K. Raghavendra Hitnal will inaugurate the Sapta Tulabhara program, while MP K. Rajashekar Hitnal will pay floral tribute to Puttaraja Gawai's portrait. Hemalatha Nayak, MLC, will also participate in inaugurating the music program.

Senior officials, including District Collectors, Superintendents of Police, Zilla Panchayat CEOs, and representatives from the Kannada and Culture Department, along with music enthusiasts, are expected to attend. Organizers appealed to the public to join in large numbers to make the festival a grand success. Rajyotsava Award winner Pandit Shankar Binnal was present at the press conference announcing the event.

Second PUC exams to begin in Kalaburagi

KALABURAGI

The second PUC annual examinations in Kalaburagi district will be conducted from February 28 to March 17, the Additional District Collector Rayappa Hunasagi announced. Exams will be held daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., he added.

A total of 30,514 students are expected to appear, including 24,914 regular students, 512 private candidates, 5,064 repeaters, and 24 students aiming to improve their results. The exams will take place across 51 centers in the district, with 25 in the city and 26 in taluk areas.

Strict rules have been set to maintain exam discipline. All students must wear identity cards, and CCTV footage will be recorded and stored for every day of the exam. Any interference with the footage will result in legal action. Around each examination center, a 200-meter restricted zone will be enforced, and Xerox shops, cyber centers, and computer centers in that area will remain closed during the exam period.

Officials and staff present at the centers, except headmasters, have been instructed not to use mobile phones, smartwatches, or other electronic devices.

The announcement came during a preliminary meeting at the District Collector's office, organized in collaboration with the District Administration and Pre-Graduate Education Department. Present were D.C.P. Praveen Naik, Additional S.P. Mahesh Meghannavar, Deputy Director of Pre-Graduate Education Suresh K. Akkanna, principals of pre-degree colleges, and other district officials. Authorities urged students to follow rules and arrive prepared for smooth conduct of exams.

Chikkaballapura hosts major revenue services event

CHIKKABALLAPURA

The Revenue Department, District Administration, and Zilla Panchayat of Chikkaballapura will jointly organize a large-scale Revenue Services Guarantee Dedication Conference on February 27 at 11 am near Chokkahalli. The program aims to distribute 25,000 revenue service documents and launch the Special Revenue Village Campaign 2.0.

The event will be inaugurated by Higher Education and District Incharge Minister M. C. Sudhakar. Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda will personally distribute the documents. MLA from Chikkaballapura Assembly constituency P.E. Pradeep Eshwar will preside over the programme.

Several prominent guests are expected, including MP Dr. K. Sudhakar, Chairpersons of Karnataka State Mango Development and Marketing Corporation M. Mallesh Babu, Karnataka State Warehousing Corporation Dr. B.C. Muddugangadhar, and Karnataka State Seed Corporation N. Sampangi. Other dignitaries include Anjinappa of Karnataka State Cooperative Handloom Weavers' General Board, B.G. Ganesh, MLAs S.N. Subbareddy, B.N. Ravikumar, K.H. Puttaswamy Gowda, and Legislative Council members Chidananda M. Gowda, M.L. Anil Kumar, and D.T. Srinivas.

Officials from various state departments, including Additional Chief Secretary Rajender Kumar Kataria, Regional Commissioner Amlan Aditya Jasthas, Principal Secretary Munish Moudgil, and Revenue Commissioner C.N. Meena Nagaraj, will attend. Other participants include heads of the Social Security and Pensions Department, Disaster Management Authority, Survey and Land Records Department, and Atalji Janasnehi Directorate.

The programme will also see participation from all elected representatives, office bearers of government employee associations, and citizens across the district. It is expected to be a historic event, highlighting the government's commitment to delivering revenue services and ensuring citizen-friendly governance.

Siddharamesh becomes Picard Bank Chairman

LINGASUGURU

Siddharamesh Gowda was elected Chairman and Sivagyanappa as Vice Chairman of the Picard Bank Management Board in Lingasuguru, following the election. Their victory was backed by former minister Amaregowda Patil Biyapura, while the candidate supported by former MLA D.S. Hoolageri was defeated.

The election was a contest between the Biyapur and Hoolageri factions of the Congress party. The Biyapur faction secured a win, marking a significant development in the local cooperative banking leadership.

The Primary Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development (Picard) Bank Board of Directors election was originally held on February 11. According to Rajendra Kumar, Returning Officer and Manager of the bank, there are 15 director positions, including nominated members. Both Siddharamesh and Sivagyanappa secured 8 votes each to win the posts of Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively.

Former Minister Amaregowda Patil Biyapura congratulated the newly elected leaders, highlighting their commitment to strengthening the cooperative banking system in the region.

The new leadership is expected to focus on improving services for local farmers and rural development, ensuring smooth operations of the bank, and addressing issues related to agricultural financing and community welfare in Lingasuguru and surrounding areas.

The election marks a notable political and administrative shift in the cooperative banking sector of Lingasuguru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ANJU ANIL (old name), a resident of No 1452, 13TH MAIN ROAD, WEST OF CHORD ROAD, 2ND STAGE, SHANKAR MUTTA, RAJAJI NAGAR, BENGALURU - 560086 KARNATAKA, INDIA, have changed my name to ANJU ANIL JOHN (NEW Name) vide affidavit dated 26-02-2026, sworn advocate and notary Mohammed Hussain K.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NINGOJI RAO K.Y. alias K.Y. NINGOJI RAO alias NINGOJI RAO K Y S/o K NYELLOJIRAO, R/o 200 3rd D Cross, 2nd Block, 3rd Stage, Near Ambedkar Stadium,Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560079, have changed myname and shall hereafter be known as NINGOJI RAO YELLOJI RAO KOLEKAR.

NAME CHANGE

I, FARHEEN, W/o Firoz , resident of No. 01, Old No. 48, Bowee Cherry, Seppings Road Cross, Nehru Puram. Bengaluru-560 001, have changed my Minor Daughter's name from ZAINAB TAZEEN to SYEDA HALIMA, and DOB is 13-02-2009 as per BBMP Birth Certificate, vide affidavit dated: 26.02.2026, before Notary V.RAJASHEKHARA, Bengaluru.

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This is to inform to General public that, I, NATESHA S/O NAGARAJANAYAKA, r/ at Gavadagere Village, Gavadagere Hobli, Hunsur Taluk, Mysore District, Karnataka State, do hereby state as follows:
I State on Oath, I have lost my Property "Sale Deed" Documents (HUN-1-02560-2011-12), on 1st day of January, 2026 01:53am in Gavadagere Village, Hunsur Taluk, there was a rush and by over sight I lost it after due diligent search I could not trace out "Sale Deed. This is fact.
I have made this affidavit with the intention of publishing in the daily news paper that my property "Sale Deed" has been lost. Hence this Affidavit.
I do swear in the name of God that this is my name and Signature and the contents of this affidavit are true.
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Hunsur, Mysore Dist

CHANGE OF NAME

I, LATHA L S alias L.S. LATHA alias LATHA N. RAO W/o NINGOJI RAOYELLOJI RAO KOLEKAR, R/o 200 3rd D Cross, 2nd Block, 3rd Stage, Near Ambedkar Stadium, Basaveshwara Nagara, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560079, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as LATHA NINGOJI RAO KOLEKAR.

CHANGE OF NAME

It is for information that I, G N BABU S/o NARAYANA SWAMY, R/o 168/A,1st Cross, Ningaiyanakere Road, Hebbal 1st Stage, Near Governament Girls School, Metagalli, Mysore, Mysuru, Karnataka-570016, declare that the name of my wife have been wrongly written as N.PANKAJA in my PPO No-20197350700035. The actual name of my wife is PANKAJA BABU, which may be amended accordingly.

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APPENDIX -IV [Rule 8(1)] Possession Notice (For Immovable Property)
Under Section 13 (2) of The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

Whereas the undersigned is the Authorized officer of the M/s. Suryoday Small Finance Bank Ltd. ("SSFBL") under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) to discharge in full their liability to the Company by making payment of entire outstanding including up to date interest, cost and charges within 60 days from the date of respective Notices issued and the publication of the Notice as given below as and way of alternate service upon you. As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset (s) have been mortgaged to SSFBL by the said Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) respectively.

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	03-11-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 227000003554 1) Mrs.SUJATHA W/O KUMARA 2) Mr. KUMARA S/O LATE SWAMYGOWDA	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 5,43,782/- as on 15-10-2025

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THE PEACE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING PROPERTY NO.297, PANCHAYATH UNIQUE NO.152200300109600600, SITUATED AT BALKURU VILLAGE, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF LAKSHMIPUR GRAMA PANCHAYATH, K.R.NAGARA TALLUK, MYSURU DISTRICT, MEASURING: EAST-WEST: 17.3736 METERS, & NORTH-SOUTH: 4.8768 METERS, TOTAL MEASUREMENT 84.75 SQ. METER.BOUNDED ON: EAST: OWN SITE WEST: ROAD NORTH: HOUSE BELONGS TO DASHARATH SOUTH: HOUSE BELONGS TO UDAY.

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	03-11-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 227000005257 1) Mr.RAVI B.V S/O VENKATESH 2) Mrs. INDRAMMA W/O VENKATEGOWDA	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 9,21,090/- as on 15-10-2025

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THE PEACE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING KATHA NO 308/214 PANCHAYATH UNIQUE NO.152100602000500351, SITUATED AT BINDAHALLI VILLAGE, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF CHINNAKURALI HOBLI, PANDUPURA TALUK, , MANDYA DISTRICT, MEASURING: EAST-WEST: 13.7160 METERS, & NORTH-SOUTH: 9.144 METERS, TOTAL MEASUREMENT 125.423 SQ. METER, THEREON BUILDING MEASUREMENT 182.09 SQ. METERS.BOUNDED ON: EAST: ROAD WEST: PROPERTY BELONGS TO ANANDA NORTH: HOUSE BELONGS TO RATHNAMMA SOUTH: HOUSE BELONGS TO SWAMYGOWDA.

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	29-10-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 259000105363 1) Mr.Venugopal C.S/O Chandra G 2) Mrs. RukminiW/O Chandra G	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 5,19,846 as on 15-10-2025

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THE PEACE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING OLD PROPERTY NO.228, KHATA PANCHAYATH UNIQUE NO.152200102625200140, SITUATED AT KENCHANAHALLI VILLAGE, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF H.D.KOTE TALLUK, MYSURU DISTRICT, MEASURING: EAST-WEST: 18.288 METERS, & NORTH-SOUTH: 8.2296 METERS, TOTAL MEASUREMENT 150.502924 SQ. METER, THEREON BUILDING MEASUREMENT 57.971490 SQ. METERS.BOUNDED ON: EAST: ROAD WEST: PROPERTY BELONGS TO VILLAGE NORTH: ROADSOUTH: HOUSE OF THIMMAIAH.

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	29-10-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 249000124679 1) Mr.SUNIL K.SS/O SIDDALINGAIAH 2) Mrs. YASHODAMMAW/O SIDDALINGAIAH	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 5,18,460 as on 15-10-2025

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THE PEACE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING OLD PROPERTY NO.73/1, KHATA PANCHAYATH UNIQUE NO.151600504100220042, SITUATED AT KODIBELAGOLA VILLAGE, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF GOWDAGERE GRAMA PANCHAYATH, CHANNARAYAPATTANA TALLUK, HASSAN DISTRICT, MEASURING: EAST-WEST: 10.0584 METERS, & NORTH-SOUTH: 6.4008 METERS, TOTAL MEASUREMENT 64.385 SQ. METER. BOUNDED ON: EAST: OWN CULTIVATION LAND WEST: CULTIVATION LAND OF SHANKARAIAHNORTH: REMAINING PROPERTY AND ROADSOUTH: CULTIVATION LAND OF SHANKARAIAH.

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	03-11-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 239000056322 1) Mrs.Gayathri W/O Dinesha 2) Mr. Deenesha S/O Venkategowda	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 3,65,711 as on 15-10-2025

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THE PEACE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING KATHA NO 249, 11B KHATA PANCHAYATH UNIQUE NO.152200402153020309, SITUATED AT YADAHALLI VILLAGE, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ANANDURU GRAMA PANCHAYATH,YELWALA HOBLI, MYSURU DISTRICT, MEASURING: EAST-WEST: 4.572 METERS, & NORTH-SOUTH: 10.0584 METERS, TOTAL MEASUREMENT 45.99 SQ. METER.BOUNDED ON: EAST: ROAD WEST: HOUSE BELONGS TO SATHISH NORTH: GALLI AND HOUSE BELONGS TO RAVISOUTH: HOUSE BELONGS TO HARISH.

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	29-10-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 249000068982 1) Mrs.Sannamma W/O Govindanayaka 2) Mr. Govindanayaka S/O Late Puttanayaka 3)Mr.Santhosh Kumar S/o Govindanayaka	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 5,61,311 as on 15-10-2025

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THE PEACE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING KATHA NO 89/89, PANCHAYATH UNIQUE NO.152200100905120032, SITUATED AT HULIPURA VILLAGE, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF H.D.KOTE TALUK, MYSURU DISTRICT, MEASURING: EAST-WEST: 28.346400000000002 METERS, & NORTH-SOUTH: 14.630400000000001 METERS, TOTAL MEASUREMENT 414.72 SQ. METER, THEREON BUILDING MEASUREMENT 182.09 SQ. METERS BOUNDED ON: EAST: HOUSE OF KALANAYAKA WEST: ROADNORTH: ROADSOUTH: SOUTH OF ANKANAYAKA.

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	03-11-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 259000060660 1) Mrs.JANAKAMMA W/O RAJAIAH M.V 2) Mr. M.R. PUNEETHKUMARA S/O M.V.RAJAIAH 3) Mrs. CHENNAMMA W/O VENKATAIAH	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 6,64,069 as on 15-10-2025

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THE PEACE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING KATHA NO 141,PANCHAYATH UNIQUE NO. 152100100900500149, SITUATED AT MUDIGERE VILLAGE, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF K.R.PETE TALUK, , MANDYA DISTRICT, MEASURING: EAST-WEST: 6.12648 METERS, & NORTH-SOUTH: 12.192 METERS, TOTAL MEASUREMENT 74.69 SQ. METER.BOUNDED ON: EAST: GALLI AND HOUSE OF JAVANAIAH WEST: GALLI AND HOUSE OF CHELUVAMMANORTH: ROADSOUTH: VACANT PROPERTY.

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	03-11-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 227020001705 1) Mrs.Gajendra S/O Chowdappa H.P 2) Mrs. Anitha Lakshmi W/O Gajendra	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 3,92,097 as on 15-10-2025

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THE PEACE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING SY.NO.149/2, 150/1B3, 150/2B6, AND 151/1, SITE NO.86/1, SITUATED AT A.K.COLONY HALEKUNDAVADA, DAVANAGERE TALUK, DAVANAGERE DISTRICT,MEASURING: EAST-WEST: 14 FEET, & NORTH-SOUTH: 40 FEET.BOUNDED ON: EAST: SITE NO. 86/2WEST: SITE NO. 85NORTH: SITE NO. 101SOUTH: ROAD.

If the said Borrower, Co-Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s) fails to make payment to SSFBL as aforesaid, SSFBL shall be entitled to take possession of the secured asset mentioned above and shall take such other actions as is available to the Company in law, entirely at the risks, cost and consequences of the borrowers.
The said Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s) are prohibited under the provision of sub section (13) of section 13 of SARFAESI Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset(s), whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise referred to in the notice without prior consent of SSFBL.

Place: Karnataka Date: 25-02-2026 **Sd/- Authorized Officer, For Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited**

UNNATI scheme boosts industrial growth in Assam

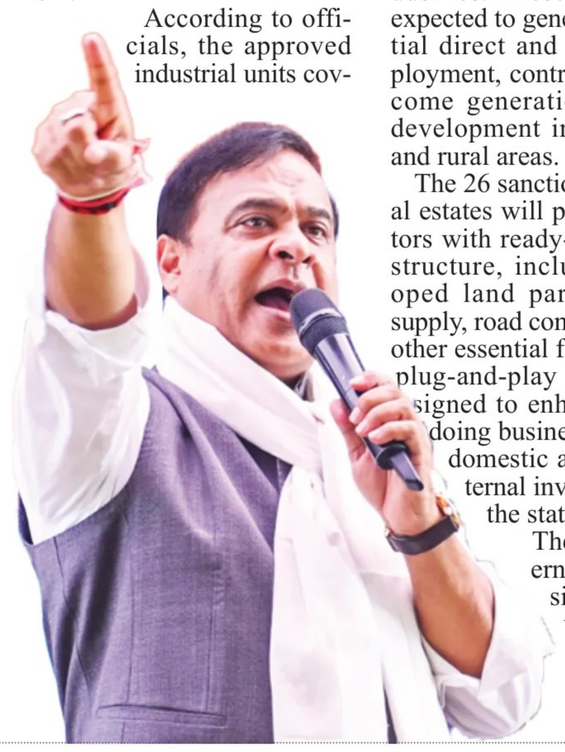
CM highlights approvals worth ₹5,067 cr to accelerate development and employment

GUWAHATI

Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday said that Assam's industrial expansion under the Unnati initiative is gaining significant traction, with major investments flowing into manufacturing and infrastructure sectors.

Sharing updates on social media platform X, the Chief Minister stated that 35 industrial units worth ₹5,067 crore have been approved across the state, alongside the sanctioning of 26 industrial estates.

Describing the initiative as a key driver of Assam's economic transformation, Sarma noted that the Unnati scheme aims to boost investment, accelerate development, and create employment opportunities, particularly for the youth. Driving Assam's Unnati. The scheme is giving strong momentum to Assam's growth story, he posted, reaffirming the government's commitment to building a strong and sustainable industrial ecosystem.



According to officials, the approved industrial units cover diverse sectors such as manufacturing, agro-processing, logistics, and allied industries. These projects are expected to generate substantial direct and indirect employment, contributing to income generation and skill development in both urban and rural areas.

The 26 sanctioned industrial estates will provide investors with ready-to-use infrastructure, including developed land parcels, power supply, road connectivity, and other essential facilities. This plug-and-play model is designed to enhance ease of doing business and attract domestic as well as external investments into the state.

The Assam government has positioned industrialisation as a central pillar of its broader development strategy. The push under the Unnati initiative complements ongoing investments in roads, bridges, power infrastructure, skill development programmes, and enhanced connectivity. By integrating industrial growth with infrastructure expansion, the state aims to create a self-sustaining development cycle.

Officials further said that the creation of industrial estates across multiple districts will help decentralise economic growth, promoting industrial activity beyond major urban centres.

This balanced regional development approach is expected to reduce migration pressures, generate local employment, and strengthen Assam's long-term economic resilience. With steady approvals and infrastructure support, the Unnati initiative is emerging as a cornerstone of Assam's industrial growth narrative.

NAXALISM NEARS ITS END

NEW DELHI

As the Naxalite movement that daunted India for decades comes to an end, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has already begun chalking out the roadmap to ensure that the menace does not resurface.

Officials say that the ideology is officially dead today, but they are on guard to ensure that a new form of criminality does not emerge in certain zones where the Naxalite menace was at its highest.

The MHA recognises that once the problem ends, the wise thing to do is to ensure there is no relapse. The designation of 31 Legacy Thrust Districts from Gadchiroli, Balaghat and Badradri Kothagundem is a step taken to ensure there is no resurgence of the movement.

These areas will continue to receive security and development support.

The intention is not just to walk away and leave it to the state. There are certain areas where Naxalism once thrived, and these need to get Central support as the state alone cannot handle it immediately, the official added.Another official

said the battle against the Naxal movement has been on for a long time. However, under the Modi government, there has been a new momentum. Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who led from the front, not just gave the security forces a free hand, but also ensured that Centre-state coordination took place seamlessly, the official also explained.

Home Minister Shah also said that the Naxalites should either surrender or be prepared to be eliminated. The deadline set by him for the Naxalite movement to end is March 31, 2026. In 2000, the number of Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) districts was 200. By 2025, the number shrunk to 38. As per data available with the MHA, the number today stands at seven -- five in Chhattisgarh and one each in Jharkhand and Odisha. Of these, only three are marked as Most Affected.

2 Maoists killed in DRG encounter in Bijapur

In a major success for security forces in Chhattisgarh's Bastar region, two high-value Maoist cadres carrying a combined reward of Rs ten lakh were killed in an encounter in the Indravati River area of Bijapur district on Thursday. Preliminary identification confirmed them as Hichami Madda and Manki Podium, both Area Committee Members of the Bhairamgarh unit, each with an announced reward of Rs five lakh. Their elimination marks a significant disruption to the local Maoist leadership structure in this sensitive zone along the Indravati River. From the site, forces seized one SLR rifle with three magazines and 55 rounds, one INSAS rifle with three magazines and 19 rounds, one 12-bore gun with two shells, two hand grenades, two indigenous hand grenades, detonators, scanner batteries, mechanisms, medicines, pouches, and various other Naxalite materials. The recovered arsenal underscores the group's continued reliance on a mix of looted service rifles, country-made weapons.

BREAKING RECORDS

PM Modi hits historic milestone of 100 m Insta followers

NEW DELHI

Narendra Modi has crossed 100 million followers on Instagram, becoming the first serving world leader and politician to achieve the milestone on the social media platform.

Leaders from the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) described the feat as a reflection of his sustained outreach, consistent engagement, and increasing popularity among young audiences in India and abroad.

Having joined Instagram in 2014, the Prime Minister has steadily built one of the most followed digital profiles among global leaders. Over the past decade, his account has featured a mix of official engagements, behind-the-scenes moments, cultural events, and interactions with citizens, contributing to its wide appeal. Observers note that his digital strategy has played a significant role in directly connecting with diverse sections of society.

Reacting to the development, BJP Member of Parliament Praveen Khandelwal said the milestone highlights the Prime Minister's growing global standing and recognition. He stated that Modi has carved out a distinct place for himself not only within India but internationally, attributing the popularity to his work and determination.

Khandelwal further said that the Prime Minister's vision of positioning India as a 'Vishwaguru' and strengthening its global economic presence continues to resonate with people. According to him, Modi's commitment, dedication, and leadership have strengthened public trust, which is reflected in his expanding digital following.

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ಈ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆದ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999 ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳು 2000ರಂತೆ ಬೈಂದೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ ಭಾರತ್ ಮಿಷನ್ (ನಗರ) 2.0 ನಿಧಿಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ CLASS III ಮತ್ತು ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ದರ್ಜೆಯ ಅರ್ಹ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ KPPP ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ Standard Tender Document KW-4ರಂತೆ **ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್** ಅನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. **ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ:03.03.2026 ರಂದು ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ ಸಮಯ:4.30 ಗಂಟೆ** ಆಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of **Manappuram Home Finance Ltd ("MAHOFIN")** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest *[Act], 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice** calling upon the borrowers and co-borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and Interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Actual** possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said *[Act] read with rule 9 of the said rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Manappuram Home Finance Ltd as mentioned below for each of the respective properties:

Sr. No.	Name Of Borrower And Co-Borrower/ Loan Account Number/ Branch	Description Of Secured Asset In Respect Of Which Interest Has Been Created	Date of Demand Notice sent & Outstanding Amount	Date of Actual Possession
1	Roopa CK & Ravikumar G, **/MLAP00510007005/** Shimoga	Property No.188, S.I No. 132, Situated At Mallapura Village, Mudubasiddapura Village Panchayat, Shikaripura Taluk, Dist-Shimoga, P.o Salur, Shimoga, Karnataka, Pin: 577214	21-02-2025 & Rs.422125/-	19-02-2026
2	Shamirabi M, Ubedulla DM & Rizwan Ulla, **/MHL00510012300/** Shimoga	E Property No. 152400403700100756, Property No: 208, Situated At Mattikote Village & Grama Panchayat Shikaripura Taluk Shimoga Dist, Shikarpur, P.o Mattikote, Shimoga, Karnataka, Pin: 577427	10-03-2025 & Rs.522989/-	19-02-2026

Date: 27th February 2026 | Place: SHIMOGA **Sd/- Authorised Officer Manappuram Home Finance Ltd**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
BENGALURU URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH
Olo Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, First Floor,
Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road,
Banashankari (Near Banashankari Temple), Bengaluru 560070.
Phone No: 080-26716046 Website: http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

No.EE/PRED/BNG(U)/TND/JE-1/41/2025-26 Dated:25.02.2026

KPPP Tender Notice (Single Cover System)
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited through KPPP Portal by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Bangalore Urban, For Agriculture 2435-00-101-0-33/17/2025-26 & Deposit Grants Works. The work details can obtained from the KPPP Web Site The Tender Documents can be obtained and submitted on or before Dated: **05.03.2026** upto 4.00 pm. Further details can be obtained from web site at **http://www.KPPP.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office during office working hours.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division,
Bangalore Urban Dist, Bangalore.

DIPR/CP/5891/SSC/2025-26

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited for the supply of Ready food (Diet) to the Crawford general Hospital, Sakaleshapura through e-procurement portal. More details are available in www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Last date for submission of Tender is 10.03.2026 Approx.Amount Rs.65,00,000.00 EMD: Rs.162500

sd/- Administrative Medical Officer,
Crawford General Hospital, Sakaleshpura.

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No.EE/PRED/BNG(U)/TND/AE-1/42/2025-26 Dated:25.02.2026

KPPP Tender Notice
TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited through KPPP Portal by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Bangalore Urban, For MLA Grants Works. The work details can obtained from the KPPP Web Site The Tender Documents can be obtained and submitted on or before **Dated:13.03.2026 upto 4.00 pm**. Further details can be obtained from web site at **http://www.KPPP.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office during office working hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division,
Bangalore Urban Dist, Bangalore.

DIPR/CP/5893/SHIRDI SAI/2025-26

ZILLA PANCHAYATH TUMKUR
O/o Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Tumkur.

No: EE/PRED/TmK/ TND No-21/2025-26 Dated: 23.02.2026

KPP-Procurement Tender Notice
Single & Two Cover System

The Tender is inviting through KPP-procurement on behalf of government of Karnataka by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Tumkur, 2025-26 CMIDP(Chief Minister's Infrstructure Development Programme) works, 2025-26 5054-SCP/TSP as per KTTP Act 2000 The Tender Documents can be obtained from the KPP-procurement Web Site and submitt the details on Dated 23.02.2026 to 10.03.2026. upto 5.00 pm. Further details can be obtained through website at http://www.KPPP.karnataka.gov.in or contact this office during office working hours. Indent No.s: (RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT22865/CALL-2, RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT22871/CALL-2, RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT22872/CALL-2, RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT22879/CALL-2 RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT22807/CALL-2, RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT22806/CALL-2 RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT23457/CALL-2, RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT23461/CALL-2 RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT23471/CALL-2, RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT23479/CALL-2 RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT23480/CALL-2, RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT23507/CALL-2 RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT23511/CALL-2,) RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT23443/CALL-2, RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT22110/CALL-2, RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT22574/CALL-2 RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT24605.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division,
Tumkur

DIPR/TUM/461/KSMCA/2025-26

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಮದ್ದೂರು,
ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ–571428 ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್:www.maddurtown.gov.in
ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ :08232-232105
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ನಸಮ/ಸಿವಿಲ್/ಟೆಂಡರ್–06/2025–26 ದಿ:25.02.2026

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ಮದ್ದೂರು ನಗರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಅಮೃತ್ 2.0 ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಆಸಕ್ತಯುಳ್ಳ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ : 01. **ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು :** Development of 3 nos of green space and park under AMRUTH 2.0 in Maddur municipal (kempamma layout park, madduramma layout park, Dr Ambedkar park Siddhartha Nagar) (DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT48473/CALL-3). **ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) :** 105.80. **ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ :** ರೂ.1,80,000/–. **ಅನುದಾನದ ವಿವರ :** ಅಮೃತ್ 2.0 ಅನುದಾನ.

ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27–03–2026 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30–03–2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ರಂದು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಮದ್ದೂರು

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APPENDIX -IV [Rule 8(1)] Possession Notice (For Immovable Property)
Under Section 13 (2) of The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

Whereas the undersigned is the Authorized officer of the M/s. Suryoday Small Finance Bank Ltd. ("SSFBL") under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) to discharge in full their liability to the Company by making payment of entire outstanding including up to date interest, cost and charges within 60 days from the date of respective Notices issued and the publication of the Notice as given below as and way of alternate service upon you. As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset (s) have been mortgaged to SSFBL by the said Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) respectively.

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	03-11-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 237000001596 1) MR. KRISHNAMURTHY S S/O SHIVAJIPPA 2)GEETA P K W/O KRISHNAMURHTY P S 3) PAVAN KUMAR P K S/O KRISHNAMURTHY	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 3,38,347/- as on 15-10-2025
DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OFBEARING PROPERTY PLOT NO.673, SY NO:910/A, ASSESMENT NO I/SY NO: 910/APLT NO 673, WRD NO 4, FORM NO: 3, UNIQUE NO: 4-5-552-543, MEASURING EAST TO WEST=6.09 mtr, NORTH TO SOUTH=9.144 MTR, TOTAL EXTENT=55.74 SQ MTRS SITUATED AT RANEBENNUR TOWN, RANEBENNUR TOWN PANCYATH, RANEBENNUR TALLUK, RANEBENNUR DISTRICT KARNATAKA.BOUNDARIES HERE UNDER:- EAST BY: SITE NO 674, WEST BY: SITE NO.672, NORTH BY: SITE NO.668 SOUTH BY: ROAD		

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	03-11-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 249000128158 1) MR. KUMAR S/O MADASETTY 2) MRS. BHAVANI W/O KRISHNA SETTY	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 5,40,651/-AS ON 15-10-2025
DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING PROPERTY NO.100/2, E-SWATHU, UNIQUE NO.150800203600300177 MEASURING EAST TO WEST=8.077 MTR, NORTH TO SOUTH= 7.315 MTR, TOTAL EXTENT=59.09 SQ MTRS SITUATED AT HIREBEGURU VILLAGE, KULAGANA GRAMAPANCHAYATH CHAMARAJANAGARA TALLUK, CHAMARAJANAGARA DISTRICT KARNATAKA.BOUNDARIES HERE UNDER:- EAST BY: STREET, WEST BY: HOUSE OF CHANNASHETTY, NORTH BY: HOUSE OF SAMPASETTY SOUTH BY: HOUSE OF CHIKKASIDDASETTY		

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	03-11-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 249000116452 1) MRS. LAKSHMAMMA W/O RACHAIAH 2) MR. KUMARA S/O RACHAIAH	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs.4,37,297/-AS ON 15-10-2025
DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY ALL THE PEACE AND PARCEL OFRESIDENTIAL HOUSE BEARING PROPERTY NO.16/Ni/24, FORM NO.9, UNIQUE NO.150800300300120344 MEASURING EAST TO WEST=9.144 MTR, NORTH TO SOUTH=12.192 MTR, TOTAL EXTENT=111.48 BUILD UP AREA 51.10 SQ MTRS SITUATED AT KUNAGALLI VILLAGE, KUNAGALLI GRAMAPANCHAYATH KOLLEGALA TALLUK, CHAMARAJANAGARA DISTRICT KARNATAKA. BOUNDARIES HERE UNDER:- EAST BY: SITE NO.23 WEST BY: ROAD NORTH BY: SITE NO.37 SOUTH BY: ROAD		

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	29-10-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO.227000002803 1) MR. NAGENDRA S/O SRINIVASAMURTHY 2) MRS. SUNDRI W/O NAGENDRA	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs.5,47,257/- AS ON 15-10-2025
DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING PROPERTY NO.708/678, WARD NO.19, NAMUNE-3, E-AASTHI PID NO.19- 2-506-87B, MEASURING EAST TO WEST=3.962408 MTR, NORTH TO SOUTH=6.705613 MTR, TOTAL EXTENT=26.570258 SQ MTRS SITUATED AT NO.87B#T, 1ST CROSS, BLOCK-2, WARD NO.19, CHAMARAJANAGARA TOWN KARNATAKA BOUNDARIES HERE UNDER:- EAST BY: ROAD WEST BY: 19-2-506-87B NORTH BY: 19-2-506-87 SOUTH BY: 19-2-506-89B		

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	03-11-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 239000003125 1) MR.RAMACHANDRA B.P. S/O PUTTA ARASAIAH 2) MRS. SIDDAGANGAMMA W/O B.P.RAMACHANDRAMMA	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs.4,46,797/-AS ON 15-10-2025
DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING PROPERTY NO.109, FORM-NO.9, UNIQUE NO.152500300201200109 MEASURING EAST TO WEST=5.4864 MTR, NORTH TO SOUTH=10.9728 MTR, TOTAL EXTENT=60.20 SQ MTRS SITUATED AT NEGILALA VILLAGE, BUYDAGAVI GRAMAPANCHAYATH KORATAGERE HOBLI, TUMAKURU DISTRICT KARNATAKA BOUNDARIES HERE UNDER:- EAST BY: VACANT PROPERTY BOMMANNA WEST BY: SITE BY N.C.SHIVANANDAIAH NORTH BY: ROAD SOUTH BY: ROAD		

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	03-11-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 259000066211 1) MR.NAGENDRA S/O MAHADEVANAYAKA 2) MRS. MAHADEVAMMA W/O MAHADEVANAYAKA	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs.503981/-AS ON 15-10-2025
DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING PROPERTY NO.511, 11A KHATA, UNIQUE NO.150800100600400500 MEASURING EAST TO WEST=9.144 MTR, NORTH TO SOUTH=12.192 MTR, TOTAL EXTENT=111.48 SQ.MTRS, SITUATED AT BADANAGUPPE GRAMAPANCHAYATH, CHAMARAJANAGARA TALLUK, CHAMARAJANAGARA DISTRICT KARNATAKA BOUNDARIES HERE UNDER:- EAST BY: PROPERTY BELONGS TO JAVARANAYAKA WEST BY: PROPERTY KOTHIMADANAYAKA NORTH BY: PROPERTY BELONGS TO KENCHANAYAKA SOUTH BY: ROAD		

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	03-11-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 259000022341 1) MRS. NAGENDRA S S/O SIDDARAJU A 2) MRS.CHANDRAMMA W/O SIDDARAJU. 3) MRS. SIDDARAJU S/O SIDDAIAH	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 3,78,232/-AS ON 15-10-2025
DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING PROPERTY NO.248, FORM NO.11B, UNIQUE NO.152100405300400250 MEASURING EAST TO WEST=6.705 MTR, NORTH TO SOUTH=12.19 MTR, TOTAL EXTENT=81.75 SQ MTRS SITUATED AT DODDAKETTAGERE VILLAGE, CHANDAGALU(B) GRAMAPANCHAYATH MANDYA TALLUK, MANDYA DISTRICT KARNATAKA. BOUNDARIES HERE UNDER:- EAST BY: OPEN SPACE AND ROAD WEST BY: ROAD NORTH BY: OPEN SPACE SOUTH BY: OPEN SPACE AND ANGANWADI KENDRA		

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	29-10-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 249000071108 1) MRS. SUNDRAMMA W/O RAMAIAH 2) MRS.RAMAIAH S/O LATE KARIAIAH	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 2,92,403/-AS ON 15-10-2025
DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTYBEARING OLD PROPERTY NO.196/1, UNIQUE NO.152200606156000778, MEASURING EAST TO WEST=12.19 MTR, NORTH TO SOUTH=9.14 MTR, TOTAL EXTENT=111.41 SQ MTRS SITUATED AT RAVANUDURU VILLAGE, PERIRYPATTANA TALLUKU, MYSURU DISTRICT. BOUNDARIES HERE UNDER:- EAST BY: SMALL OF VASU WEST BY: ROAD NORTH BY: HOUSE NO-7 SOUTH BY: HOUSE OF RAMESHA		

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	29-10-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 259000087001 1) MRS. Y.M.RADHA W/O MAHESH 2) MR. MAHESH S/O LATE PUTTASWAMY	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 5,33,408/-AS ON 15-10-2025
DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTYBEARING OLD PROPERTY NO.232, UNIQUE NO.150800102800600357, MEASURING EAST TO WEST=12.192 MTR, NORTH TO SOUTH=9.7536 MTR, TOTAL EXTENT=118.92 SQ. MTR. SITUATED AT NAVILURU VILLAGE CHAMARAJANAGARA TALUK CHAMARAJANAGARA DISTRICT:- 571124 BOUNDARIES HERE UNDER:- EAST BY: HOUSE OF BASAVEGOWDA WEST BY: ROAD NORTH BY: HOUSE OF MALLEGOWDA SOUTH BY: HOUSE OF NINGAMMA		

If the said Borrower, Co-Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s) fails to make payment to SSFBL as aforesaid, SSFBL shall be entitled to take possession of the secured asset mentioned above and shall take such other actions as is available to the Company in law, entirely at the risks, cost and consequences of the borrowers.
The said Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s) are prohibited under the provision of sub section (13) of section 13 of SARFAESI Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset(s), whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise referred to in the notice without prior consent of SSFBL.

Place: Karnataka Date: 25-02-2026 **Sd/- Authorized Officer, For Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited**

QUICK READ

Modi magic grips Israel as social media trends dominate his visit

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day state visit to Israel generated immense enthusiasm and frenzy in the West Asian nation and was visible in the rapturous welcome for the Indian Prime Minister inside Knesset by the Israeli lawmakers and the public at large. The social media platforms in Israel are buzzing with developments and conversations related to Prime Minister Modi's meeting with his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu and the latter along with Israeli MPs giving a thunderous applause during his address to Knesset -- the first by an Indian Prime Minister.

SC BAI slams NCERT over selective judicial graft chapter

MUMBAI

Advocate and President of the Supreme Court Bar Association of India, Vikas Singh, on Thursday criticised the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) for including a chapter on judicial corruption in its textbook, calling the move 'unfortunate.' He said that if the intention was to educate students about corruption, other institutions could also have been discussed. Vikas Singh said, It is unfortunate. If we want to focus on character building among children, then the emphasis should be on creating national character. Corruption has spread widely in our society, and we need to think about it seriously. Creating a selective chapter about the judiciary in this manner clearly shows an attempt to weaken the institution. The intent appears to be to put the judiciary on the defensive.

Koraput police seize hashish oil worth ₹ 225 crore

BHUBANESWAR

In a major development, the Koraput Police on Thursday busted an interstate hashish oil manufacturing temporary unit and seized 1,800-litres of oil worth around Rs 225 crore. Following the receipt of precise and actionable Intelligence inputs regarding suspicious activities in the region, a raid was meticulously planned and led by Koraput Superintendent of Police, Rohit Varma. Acting swiftly on the information, a coordinated operation was launched in the dense forested stretch along the Jholaput Reservoir under Padua Police Station limits in Koraput, situated close to the Odisha–Andhra Pradesh border.

Stagnant politics era ends, Maha leads industrial surge: Shinde

'The state continues to maintain its position as the country's top destination for industrial investment'

MUMBAI

Eknath Shinde on Thursday asserted that the era of stagnant politics in Maharashtra has come to an end, marking the beginning of a transformative phase driven by rapid development and industrial growth.

Replying to the debate on the Governor's address in the Legislative Council, he emphasized that the state continues to maintain its position as the country's top destination for industrial investment.

Beginning his address on a somber note, Shinde paid tribute to late leader Ajit Pawar, stating that a shadow of grief looms over the ongoing session due to his passing.

He recalled that Pawar consistently prioritized development-oriented politics and worked tirelessly for the progress of Maharashtra. Shinde noted that continuing on the path of development would be the true tribute to the departed leader.

Highlighting Maharashtra's economic strength, the Deputy Chief Minister said the state contributes 13.5 per cent to India's total GDP, underlining its central role in the national economy. He revealed that in the financial year 2024–25, Maharashtra attracted Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) worth Rs 1,64,875 crore, accounting for 39 per cent of the total FDI received by the country. In the first six months of the current fiscal year alone, the state secured Rs 91,337 crore in investments, retaining its number one ranking nationwide.

Shinde further stated that following the Davos summit, Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) worth Rs 30 lakh crore were signed with companies from 18 countries. Significantly, 82 per cent of these agreements are already in the implementation stage.

He noted that these investments are concentrated in futuristic and high-growth sectors such as Quantum Computing, Artificial Intelligence, Semiconductors, and Green Energy, positioning Maharashtra at the forefront of the next industrial revolution.

Detailing several game-changer initiatives, Shinde announced the establishment of a World Competency Center in Mumbai, which will be the largest in Asia and is expected to generate approximately 45,000 jobs.

He reiterated that the government's primary objective is to build a progressive, prosperous, and secure Maharashtra, ensuring inclusive growth and sustainable development for all sections of society.

Maha remains real economic powerhouse: Fadnavis

MUMBAI

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis in the state Assembly on Thursday painted a picture of Maharashtra that is no longer just participating in India's growth, but is actively steering the nation's $5 trillion ambition.

He laid out a comprehensive vision for the state's future, balancing ambitious economic targets with a stern address on law and order.

In his reply to the debate on the Governor's address, the chief minister said that Maharashtra remains the real economic powerhouse of India.

He cited that the state now contributes nearly 14 per cent of the National GDP and attracts a staggering 40 per cent of India's total Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

We are moving from incremental reforms to a total structural transformation, he stated. CM Fadnavis noted that the state has secured Rs 30 lakh crore in Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) during the 2026 Davos summit.

Our goal is not just growth, but sustainable leadership. With the establishment of the Vision Management Unit, we are on a definitive path towards Viksit Maharashtra 2047, he said.

The chief minister said that Gadchiroli is being transformed from conflict zone to steel hub. Once known primarily for Naxalite activity and being a punishment posting for officials, he described its rebirth as India's future Green Steel Hub.

He informed the house that over Rs 3 lakh crore is being pumped into the district to create a pollution-free steel ecosystem.

He added that 95 per cent of jobs in these news plants would go to local tribal youths.

Balancing industry with nature, the CM announced a massive drive to plant 5 crore trees to ensure that the water, forest, and land of the region remain intact.

AP court issues arrest warrant for Bihar cadre IPS officer

AMARAVATI

A court in Andhra Pradesh on Thursday issued an arrest warrant against Bihar cadre IPS officer, M. Sunil Kumar Naik, in the alleged custodial torture of former Member of Parliament K. Raghu Ramakrishna Raju, who is now Deputy Speaker of the state Assembly. The Guntur mobile court issued the arrest warrant on a petition filed by the police. Guntur police had last year issued notice to the IPS officer, directing him to appear for questioning in connection with the case booked against him and others. As the officer failed to respond to the notice, a police team recently went to Patna to arrest him. Sunil Kumar Naik, who is the Director of Fire Services of Bihar, was taken into custody at his residence in Patna on Monday. It was alleged that the police entered Naik's house by scaling the wall and took him into custody without producing the arrest warrant, though he insisted they provide it. He was produced in a local court seeking permission to shift him to Andhra Pradesh, but the court rejected the plea for his transit remand on the ground that the Andhra Pradesh Police did not follow the due inter-state arrest procedure.

Yadav stresses Rajasthan-MP regional co-op in growth sectors

BHILWARA

Bhilwara witnessed a significant event, an Interactive Session on Investment Opportunities in Madhya Pradesh, on Thursday as the Chief Minister of central Indian state extended a warm invitation to Rajasthan's industrialists to expand their ventures into his state and stressed regional cooperation in growth sectors.

Addressing a gathering of prominent business leaders, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav emphasised the historic and cultural ties between Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, describing the two states as brothers bound together since ancient times. The event brought together leading figures from the textile, commerce and industrial sectors, along with members of the Mewar Chamber of Commerce. In his speech, the Chief Minister praised Rajasthan's entrepreneurial spirit, noting that the people of Marwar and Mewar have the ability to create opportunities even in the most challenging conditions. He highlighted the role of industry in sustaining livelihoods, acknowledging that businesses not only generate wealth but also ensure that many households keep their stoves burning. The Chief Minister underscored the importance of cooperation between states, recalling past disputes over water-sharing and stressing that such conflicts should give way to harmony and constructive engagement. Water is a gift of the divine, he remarked, adding that Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh must work together to ensure mutual progress and shared prosperity.

He credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership for fostering a climate of national unity and economic growth, urging industrialists to seize the opportunities created by favourable policies and the Centre's emphasis on economic expansion.

Policy simplification and transparency were central themes of his address. He assured investors that Madhya Pradesh has streamlined regulations to minimise bureaucratic hurdles, making it easier to conduct business and facilitating smoother project implementation.

MoS Defence flags off Taram Chu steel bridge in Sikkim

NEW DELHI

Sanjay Seth on Thursday inaugurated the restored Chungthang-Lachen axis and a 400-foot Bailey Suspension Taram Chu Bridge in North Sikkim, marking a significant milestone in post-disaster recovery efforts in the Himalayan region.

The strategic infrastructure was rebuilt by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) following multiple natural calamities that severely disrupted connectivity.

According to a Defence Ministry statement, the restoration comes after devastating cloudbursts in May–June 2025, Cyclone Remal in June 2024, and the Glacial Lake Outburst Flood in October 2023, all of which caused extensive damage to roads and bridges in the region. Seth commended the BRO for its consistent and dedicated efforts under challenging terrain and weather conditions, noting that the restored infrastructure would significantly enhance the well-being of local residents and strengthen regional connectivity. Under Project Swastik, the BRO cleared 96 landslides to reopen vital routes. The organisation also constructed four major bridges and repaired two others to restore the Lines of Communication in North Sikkim. The engineering team completed eight kilometres of fresh formation cutting and created several diversions to navigate unstable slopes and sinking zones, ensuring safe and durable connectivity. The ministry highlighted that these efforts follow the successful opening of the 7.5-kilometre Naga-Toong stretch in October 2025, further strengthening road connectivity in the strategically sensitive region. The completion of the 28-kilometre Chungthang-Lachen road along with the Taram Chu Bridge is expected to serve the needs of residents, security agencies, and boost regional economic activities, including tourism and trade.

The inauguration aligns with the 'Atmanirbhar Sikkim–Viksit Bharat Vision' articulated by the Chief Minister of Sikkim, focusing on self-reliant and sustainable development in border areas. The ceremony was attended by several dignitaries, including Samdup Leptcha, Lieutenant General Man Raj Singh Mann, General Officer Commanding, Trishakti Corps, and Jitendra Prasad.

ON RIGHT PATH

Meghalaya records robust growth

SHILLONG

Meghalaya has emerged as one of the fastest-growing states in the country, recording nearly 10 per cent real Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) growth for three consecutive years after the Covid-19 pandemic, Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma said on Thursday while replying to the Budget discussion in the Assembly.

Citing key fiscal indicators, Sangma noted that the state's economic size expanded by 76.5 per cent between FY21 and FY25. He stated that Meghalaya is now the second fastest-growing state in terms of real GSDP growth, after Tamil Nadu, reflecting sustained economic momentum. Importantly, he underlined that this growth has not been driven by excessive borrowing but by fiscal prudence and disciplined financial management.

According to the Chief Minister, borrowings accounted for only 7.8 per cent of total receipts in FY24, significantly lower than the national average of 19.4 per cent. This, he said, demonstrates the government's commitment to maintaining a healthy fiscal balance while pursuing development goals.

Highlighting the government's capital-led growth strategy, Sangma said capital expenditure has grown at a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 16.5 per cent since FY14.

This outpaced revenue expenditure growth of 11.1 per cent during the same period, signalling a stronger focus on asset creation, infrastructure development, and long-term economic sustainability.

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APPENDIX -IV [Rule 8(1)] Possession Notice (For Immovable Property)
Under Section 13 (2) of The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

Whereas the undersigned is the Authorized officer of the M/s. Suryoday Small Finance Bank Ltd. ("SSFBL") under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) to discharge in full their liability to the Company by making payment of entire outstanding including up to date interest, cost and charges within 60 days from the date of respective Notices issued and the publication of the Notice as given below as and way of alternate service upon you. As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset (s) have been mortgaged to SSFBL by the said Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) respectively.

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	29-10-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 259000065106 1) Mrs. PAVITHRA M.P. W/O PUTTALINGAIAH 2) Mrs. HONNAMMA W/O KAMBAIAH 3) Mr. PUTTALINGAIAH S/O KAMBAIAH	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 2,89,764/-as on 15-10-2025

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THE PEACE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING KATHA NO 83/88 Form No.11B KHATA PANCHAYATH UNIQUE NO.152900400100400313, SITUATED AT VIRUPASANDRA VILLAGE, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF AKKURU GRAMA PANCHAYATH, RAMANAGARA TALUK, RAMANAGARA DISTRICT, MEASURING: EAST-WEST: 6.7056 METERS, & NORTH-SOUTH: 5.4864 METERS, TOTAL MEASUREMENT 36.79 SQ. METER.BOUNDED ON: EAST: HOUSE BELONGS TO GANGAMMA WEST: PROPERTY BELONGS TO KULLAPPA NORTH: ROAD SOUTH:. PROPERTY BELONGS TO RAMALINGAIAH

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	03-11-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 259000032737 1) MRS. PARVATHAMMA W/O GOVINDAIAH 2) MR. GOVINDAIAH S K S/O LATE SANNA KARENAIK.	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 5,03,598/-as on 15-10-2025

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF BEARING PROPERTY NO.276, FORM NO.11B, UNIQUE NO.152500101000200410 MEASURING EAST TO WEST=15.544 MTR, NORTH TO SOUTH=19.81 MTR, TOTAL EXTENT=307.97 SQ MTRS SITUATED AT SORALAMAVU VILLAGE, CHOWLAKATTE GRAMAPANCHAYATH CHIKKANAYAKANAHALLI TALLUK, TUMKUR DISTRICT KARNATAKA. BOUNDARIES HERE UNDER:- EAST BY: GALLI WEST BY: ROAD NORTH BY: PANCHAYATH SISTAN AND ROAD SOUTH BY: GALLI AND HOUSE OF LAKSHMAIAH

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	03-11-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 237000000200 1) RAVIKUMAR M.R. S/O RAMEGOWDA 2) RAMEGOWDA S/O LATE ELLEGOWDA 3) SAKAMMA W/O RAMEGOWDA	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs.5,15,650/-as on 15-10-2025

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF BEARING JANJAR NO.200 PROPERTY NO.595/2, 11B KHATA, UNIQUE NO.152200601416500964, MEASURING EAST TO WEST=23.78 MTR, NORTH TO SOUTH=13.71 MTR, TOTAL EXTENT=326.02 SQ.MTRS, BUILDING MEASURING=219.80 SITUATED AT MAKODU VILLAGE, MAKODU GRAMAPANCHAYATH, PERIYAPATTANA TALLUK, MYSURU DISTRICT KARNATAKA. BOUNDARIES HERE UNDER:- EAST BY: GOVERNAMENT ROAD WEST BY: PROPERTY BELONGS TO SANNA NORTH BY: BYARAN MANGRI DASEGOWDA SOUTH BY: PROPERTY BELONGS TO RATHNAMMA

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	03-11-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 259000131126 1) MR. K R SHIVASHANKARA S/O RAJEGOWDA 2) MRS. GOWRAMMA W/O RAJEGOWDA 3) MR. RAJEGOWDA S/O BASAVEGOWDA	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 5,33,414/-as on 15-10-2025

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF BEARING PROPERTY NO.302,PROPERTY NO:313, FORM NO.11B, UNIQUE NO.151600501200200432 MEASURING EAST TO WEST=5.79 MTR, NORTH TO SOUTH=9.75 MTR, TOTAL EXTENT=56.48 SQ MTRS SITUATED AT KAREHALLI VILLAGE, KAREHALLI GRAMAPANCHAYATH CHANNARAYAPATTANA TALLUK, HASANA DISTRICT KARNATAKA. BOUNDARIES HERE UNDER:- EAST BY: LAND OF MANJUNATH WEST BY: HOUSE OF SHANKAREGOWDA NORTH BY: ANATI ROAD SOUTH BY: LAND OF SHANKAREGOWDA

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	29-10-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 259000083449 1) Mr.Ranjeet Kumara S/O Krishna 2) Mr. Krishna S/O Ramula 3) Mrs. Aruna W/o Ranjeet Kumara	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 5,96,122 as on 15-10-2025

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THE PEACE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING KATHA NO 843, 11B KHATA PANCHAYATH UNIQUE NO.152000203300100833, SITUATED AT HOSANINGAPURA VILLAGE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF HOSAHALLI GRAMA PANCHAYATH, KOPPALA TALUK, KOPPALA DISTRICT,MEASURING: EAST-WEST: 11.8872 METERS, & NORTH-SOUTH: 10.668 METERS, TOTAL MEASUREMENT 126.81 SQ. METER. BOUNDED ON: EAST: HOUSE BELONGS TO VIJAYKUMAR WEST: ROAD NORTH: HOUSE BELONGS TO VEERASWAMY SOUTH: ROAD.

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	29-10-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 259000023216 1) Mr.Nagesha S/O Marankaiah 2) Mrs. Maridevamma W/O Marankaiah	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 4,99,408 as on 15-10-2025

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THE PEACE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING KATHA NO 273/1,9 AND 11A KHATA PANCHAYATH UNIQUE NO.152200100707200507, SITUATED AT KOLAGALA VILLAGE, MADAPURA GRAMA PANCHAYATH, H.D.KOTE TALUK, MYSURU DISTRICT, MEASURING: EAST-WEST: 4.8768 METERS, & NORTH-SOUTH: 13.4112 METERS, TOTAL MEASUREMENT 65.40 SQ. METER, THEREON BUILDING MEASUREMENT 17.65 SQ. METERS. BOUNDED ON: EAST: ROAD WEST: GALLI AND HOUSE BELONGS TO PARVATHAMMA NORTH: GALLI AND HOUSE BELONGS TO SIDDAMMA SOUTH: GOVERNAMENT ROAD.

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	03-11-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 259000072735 1) Mr.Madevagowda S/O Ramegowda 2) Mr. Shivarajau M S/O Madegowda	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 6,37,719 as on 15-10-2025

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THE PEACE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING KATHA NO 66, FORM NO.9 KHATA PANCHAYATH UNIQUE NO.150800101700520055, SITUATED AT BOKKEPURA VILLAGE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF HONNAHALLI GRAMA PANCHAYATH, CHAMARAJANAGARA TALUK, CHAMARAJANAGARA DISTRICT,MEASURING: EAST-WEST: 12.192 METERS, & NORTH-SOUTH: 9.144 METERS, TOTAL MEASUREMENT 111.48 SQ. METER. BOUNDED ON: EAST: GOVERNAMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL WEST: SITE NO.25 NORTH: SITE NO.03 SOUTH: ROAD.

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	29-10-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 259000034984 1) Mrs. SAVITHAW/O RAVI S 2) Mr.SUMANTH B.R.S/O RAVI S 3)Mr.RAVI S.S/O RAMASHETTY	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 4,86,404 as on 15-10-2025

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THE PEACE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING PROPERTY NO.126/A, PANCHAYATH UNIQUE NO.150800201200220225, SITUATED AT KOTEGERE VILLAGE, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF KOTEGERE GRAMA PANCHAYATH,BEGURU HOBLI, GUNDLUPETE TALLUK, CHAMARAJANAGARA DISTRICT, MEASURING: EAST-WEST: 6.40 METERS, & NORTH-SOUTH: 14.93 METERS, TOTAL MEASUREMENT 95.60 SQ. METER.BOUNDED ON: EAST: SITE AND HOUSE BELONGS TO SHEKHAR WEST: HOUSE BELONGS TO DEVANAYAKA NORTH: ROAD SOUTH: HOUSE BELONGS TO NINGANAYAKA.

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	03-11-2025
LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 249000123993 1) Mrs.PAVITHRA N. W/O MANIKANTASWAMY 2) Mr. MANIKANTASWAMY S/O MAHADEVU V	Date of NPA	10-08-2025
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 3,49,506/- as on 15-10-2025

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET(S) /IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES): ALL THE PEACE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING PROPERTY NO.198/127/1A,11B, KHATA PANCHAYATH UNIQUE NO.150800100100220004, SITUATED AT NANJANAPURA VILLAGE, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ALURU GRAMA PANCHAYATH, CHAMARAJANAGARA TALLUK, CHAMARAJANAGARA DISTRICT, MEASURING: EAST-WEST: 4.57 METERS, & NORTH-SOUTH: 9.14 METERS, TOTAL MEASUREMENT 41.76 SQ. METER, THEREON BUILDING MEASUREMENT 41.00 SQ. METERS.BOUNDED ON: EAST: HOUSE OF SHIVAMMA WEST: SITE OF NARAYANASWAMYNORTH: ROAD SOUTH: VACANT SITE NANJAIAH.

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The said Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s) are prohibited under the provision of sub section (13) of section 13 of SARFAESI Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset(s), whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise referred to in the notice without prior consent of SSFBL.

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Place: Karnataka Date: 25.02.2026

QUICK READ

FBI subpoenaed phone calls of Patel, Wiles during Trump probe

Washington

The Federal Bureau of Investigation subpoenaed phone call records of Kash Patel and Susie Wiles when they were private citizens in 2022 and 2023, according to Patel. The action reportedly took place during the administration of President Joe Biden as part of a broader federal investigation into former President Donald Trump. Patel, who now serves as Director of the FBI, told Reuters that the records were obtained while federal authorities were probing Trump's alleged efforts to interfere with the 2020 presidential election and his handling of classified documents.

UK work visas .plunge by 19% amid immigration reforms

London

The number of work visas issued by United Kingdom in the year ending December 2025 fell by 19% compared to the previous year, according to official government figures released on Thursday. The data highlights the continuing impact of stricter immigration policies introduced over recent years in an effort to curb legal migration. A total of 168,000 work visas were granted in 2025, marking a significant decline from 2024 levels and representing a 50% drop compared to 2023. The downward trend reflects successive policy changes aimed at tightening eligibility criteria, raising salary thresholds, and reducing the number of sectors able to recruit from overseas.

Hong Kong court overturns Jimmy Lai fraud conviction

Hong Kong

A Hong Kong court on Thursday overturned the fraud conviction and prison sentence of pro-democracy media tycoon Jimmy Lai, in a surprise legal development that follows his recent 20-year jail term on a separate national security charge. The ruling was delivered by judges Jeremy Poon, Anthea Pang, and Derek Pang, who found that a lower court judge had "erred" in the original decision. In their ruling, the judges said they allowed the appeal brought by Lai and another defendant in the case, effectively quashing the earlier fraud conviction and sentence.

US-UKRAINE MOOT POST-WAR REFORMS

The agenda includes talks on rebuilding Ukraine's economy & restoring critical infra damaged in the prolonged conflict.

KYIV

wUkrainian negotiators were scheduled to meet senior United States officials in Geneva on Thursday for discussions focused on post-war reconstruction and economic recovery, even as peace talks with Russia remain stalled.

The agenda includes deliberations on a proposed "prosperity package" aimed at rebuilding Ukraine's economy and restoring critical infrastructure damaged during the prolonged conflict.

A Ukrainian official confirmed that the discussions were expected to begin around lunchtime, and that the delegation would not address the media following the meeting, indicating the sensitive nature of the negotiations.

The US side is represented by Special Envoy Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner, a senior adviser with extensive experience in diplomatic backchannel talks.

The meeting highlights Washington's intent to shift part of its engagement with Kyiv toward long-term stabilization and economic revival, alongside ongoing security and military assistance. Ukrainian officials view the prosperity package as essential for reviving industry, supporting displaced populations, and attracting international investment once active hostilities subside.

On the same day in Geneva, Witkoff and Kushner are due to take part in a third round of indirect negotiations concerning Iran's nuclear program with Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi.

These talks are being mediated by Oman, reflecting Muscat's continued role as a discreet diplomatic channel between Washington and Tehran. The parallel discussions underline the breadth of US diplomatic engagement in Geneva, where multiple geopolitical flashpoints are being addressed simultaneously.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy held a conversation on Wednesday with US President Donald Trump, during which both leaders agreed that the next round of trilateral talks involving Russia in March should pave the way for a leaders' summit. The proposed meeting would aim to resolve the most sensitive outstanding issues, including security guarantees, territorial disputes, and post-war arrangements.

Despite the current deadlock in peace negotiations with Russia, Ukrainian officials say engagement with international partners on reconstruction is vital to ensure readiness for recovery when conditions permit. Observers note that these Geneva discussions signal a cautious shift toward planning for Ukraine's long-term future, even as the conflict continues to shape the diplomatic landscape.

'INF-banned missile firing raises alarm'

Debris from Ukraine suggests Russia deployed a controversial missile once banned by treaty.

KYIV

Images of missile debris recovered from recent Russian strikes on Ukrainian territory have sparked renewed international concern over Moscow's alleged use of a cruise missile once prohibited under the now-defunct Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty.

Two independent weapons specialists who examined high-resolution images of the fragments said the characteristics strongly indicate the use of a nuclear-capable cruise missile whose development was a central factor behind former U.S. President Donald Trump pulling the United States out of the INF Treaty during his first term.

According to experts, the fragments provided by Ukrainian law enforcement sources show design features and materials consistent with advanced long-range cruise missile technology. The images, shared with Reuters, represent the first publicly available visual evidence corroborating earlier reporting that Russia has fielded and used this particular class of missile in active combat. Analysts noted that the missile's size, engine

components, and guidance-related fragments align with systems long suspected to be part of Russia's post-INF arsenal.

The INF Treaty, signed in 1987 by the United States and the Soviet Union, banned ground-launched ballistic and cruise missiles with ranges between 500 and 5,500 kilometers. Washington withdrew from the pact in 2019 after accusing Moscow of violating the agreement through the development and deployment of prohibited missiles. Russia denied the allegations at the time, countering that U.S. actions also undermined the treaty. The collapse of the INF Treaty removed a key pillar of Cold War-era arms control, opening the door to the renewed deployment of intermediate-range weapons in Europe. If confirmed, the operational use of such a missile in Ukraine could signal a dangerous escalation, not only because of the weapon's range and precision, but also due to its nuclear-capable design. While there is no indication that a nuclear warhead was used, experts warn that employing systems designed for nuclear delivery blurs critical deterrence lines and heightens strategic risks.

Ukrainian officials have called for deeper international scrutiny and stronger sanctions, arguing that the use of previously banned weapons underscores the urgency of reinforcing global arms control frameworks. Western governments are expected to review the evidence as part of broader assessments of Russia's evolving missile capabilities, amid growing concerns that the erosion of treaties like INF is accelerating a new arms race in Europe.

PTI Leaders Urge Supreme Court to Ensure Khan's Care Islamabad

ISLAMABAD

Incarcerated Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders have appealed to the Chief Justice of Pakistan over restrictions on former Prime Minister Imran Khan's legal and medical access. In a letter to Chief Justice Yahya Afridi, the leaders expressed concern that Khan has been denied meetings with his personal doctor, family members, and legal counsel. The letter, submitted through PTI lawyers, was signed by Shah Mehmood Qureshi, Yasmin Rashid, Ijaz Chaudhry, Omar Sarfraz Cheema, and Mahmood-ur-Rashid. It follows Khan's second injection at the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) in Islamabad on Tuesday, about which his family was only informed post-procedure at 2 a.m The PTI leaders drew parallels to former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's treatment in 2019, noting that Sharif received timely medical care, consultations with his personal physician, and was allowed family and legal access, including travel abroad for treatment.

Iran signals flexibility in Geneva talks as US pressure mounts

TEHRAN

Iran pledged to show flexibility during indirect negotiations with the United States on Thursday as both sides reconvened in Geneva for a third round of talks aimed at addressing their long-running nuclear dispute.

The discussions come at a moment of heightened pressure on Tehran, with US officials warning that failure to reach a diplomatic understanding could lead to serious consequences, including the threat of military action.

The talks began on Thursday morning in Geneva, against the backdrop of a major US military buildup across the Middle East ordered by President Donald Trump.

The show of force is widely seen as an attempt to strengthen Washington's negotiating position and signal resolve to Tehran. Iranian officials, meanwhile, have sought to project openness to compromise on the nuclear file, even as they reject what

they describe as coercive diplomacy.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio sharpened Washington's stance on Wednesday, saying Iran's refusal to include its ballistic missile programme in the discussions was a "major problem" that would need to be addressed in due course.

Speaking to reporters in Saint Kitts and Nevis, Rubio argued that Iran's missile capabilities were designed to threaten the United States and destabilise the region, and that any sustainable agreement would ultimately have to account for both nuclear and missile-related concerns.

Iranian negotiators have long maintained that their ballistic missile programme is purely defensive and non-negotiable, insisting that the current talks should remain narrowly focused on nuclear restrictions and sanctions relief.

Tehran also argues that linking missiles to the nuclear file risks derailing already fragile diplomacy. However, Western officials counter that the two issues are deeply intertwined, given the potential delivery systems involved and the broader regional security implications.

Observers say the Geneva talks represent one of the most consequential diplomatic openings in months. While expectations of a swift breakthrough remain low, even incremental progress could help de-escalate tensions and reduce the risk of confrontation. Failure, on the other hand, could harden positions on both sides.

UK's Starmer faces latest test in tight-run local vote

LONDON

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer faces a significant political test on Thursday as voters in Manchester head to the polls to elect a new lawmaker in the closely watched Gorton and Denton by-election.

Opinion polls suggest the race is too close to call, with the governing Labour Party locked in a tight contest with Reform UK and the left-leaning Green Party of England and Wales.

The vote in Gorton and Denton, part of the Greater Manchester region in northwestern England, comes at a delicate moment for Starmer's leadership.

His judgment has recently been questioned following a series of policy U-turns that critics say have muddied Labour's messaging. The controversy surrounding the appointment of Labour veteran Peter Mandelson as ambassador to Washington has further fuelled debate within and beyond the party about strategic direction and political optics.

In a surprise appearance earlier this week, Starmer campaigned in the constituency to sharpen Labour's pitch, urging voters to see the contest

as a straight choice between Labour and Reform. Reform UK, led by Brexit figurehead Nigel Farage, has sought to capitalise on voter frustration over the cost of living, migration, and dissatisfaction with mainstream politics. Labour strategists fear that Reform's populist messaging could siphon off protest votes that might otherwise default to the governing party in a traditional Labour-leaning area.

At the same time, Labour has warned that a strong showing by the Greens could inadvertently help Reform. Party officials have argued that votes drawn away by the Greens' left-leaning platform—focused on living costs and support for Gaza—risk splitting the progressive vote and allowing Reform to gain ground.

The Greens reject this framing, insisting they offer a principled alternative for voters disillusioned with both Labour's compromises and Reform's rhetoric.

Beijing tests deception tactics with mystery drone flights

BEIJING

A large Chinese long-endurance military drone has carried out regular flights over the South China Sea in recent months while transmitting false transponder signals that made it appear to be other aircraft, including a sanctioned Belarusian cargo plane and a British fighter jet.

Military attaches and security analysts monitoring the activity say the flights mark a significant escalation in China's so-called "grey-zone" tactics—coercive actions that fall short of open warfare but aim to test rivals' responses and surveillance capabilities.

As per open-source flight data reviewed by Reuters, at least 23 such flights have been logged since August under the call sign YILO4200, which analysts identify as a known long-endurance Chinese military drone. However, the aircraft transmitted registration details linked to unrelated planes, including a Belarusian cargo aircraft and a British Typhoon fighter, masking its true identity while operating in contested airspace.

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Brain-Bender: Can You Solve It?

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

Fill a 9×9 grid with numbers so that each row, column and 3×3 section contain all of the digits between 1 and 9.

ESCALATING HOSTILITIES

UNICEF alarmed over Myanmar air strikes on civilians

UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations children's agency, UNICEF, has expressed grave concern over reports of deadly air strikes carried out by Myanmar's military this week, as fighting continues to intensify across the country.

According to local media outlets and a rebel group, the attacks resulted in significant civilian casualties, including children. Reports from Myanmar-based news organisations, Myanmar Now and The Irrawaddy, stated that paramotors dropped bombs on a village in the central Sagaing region on Monday. A day later, a fighter jet allegedly launched an air strike in Rakhine state, located about 320 kilometres west of Sagaing. Combined, the incidents reportedly claimed at least two dozen lives.

The Arakan Army, an armed group engaged in conflict with Myanmar's ruling junta in Rakhine state, claimed that 17 civilians were killed when a jet bombed a crowded village market.

Among the deceased were children, the group said, while at least 14 others sustained injuries in the attack. The reported strike on a busy marketplace has intensified fears about the safety of non-combatants trapped in conflict zones.

Reuters stated it was unable to independently verify the claims regarding the air strikes and casualty figures. Efforts to obtain an official response from Myanmar's military government were unsuccessful, as a spokesperson did not respond to calls seeking comment.

In a strongly worded statement, UNICEF said it was "deeply alarmed" by the reported incidents and urged all parties involved in Myanmar's ongoing civil war to adhere to international humanitarian law.

MESSI Admits English Regret, Urges Children to Value Education

MIAMI

Lionel Messi has revealed a personal regret away from the football pitch, admitting that not learning English during his childhood makes him feel "half-ignorant" in certain situations.

The Argentine superstar said he often reflects on missed educational opportunities from his youth. "I regret many things. Not having learned English as a boy. I had the time to have at least studied English, and I did not do it. I deeply regret it," Messi said.

The eight-time Ballon d'Or winner explained that language barriers sometimes left him uncomfortable in conversations with global personalities. "I experienced situations where I was with incredible and spectacular personalities to be able to talk and have a chat, and you feel half ignorant. I always thought: 'What an idiot, how I wasted my time,'" he added candidly.

Argentine legend reflects on missed lessons beyond football field

Now playing for Inter Miami CF and preparing for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, Messi said his experiences have shaped the advice he gives his children. He encourages them to fully embrace the educational opportunities available to them — chances he feels he did not fully utilise.

Reflecting on his school days, Messi described his final year in Argentina as "a disaster," as he already knew he would be moving to FC Barcelona's famed academy, La Masia.

Though football brought him extraordinary success — including leading Argentina to World Cup glory in 2022 — he acknowledged that the journey also carried lessons beyond trophies.

World Cup 2026 Security Fears Cloud Mexico's Hosting Role

BENGALURU

With just over 100 days remaining for the FIFA World Cup 2026, concerns over security in Mexico have cast a shadow over the tournament's build-up. Mexico, one of the three co-hosts alongside the United States and Canada, is slated to stage 13 matches. Guadalajara — the epicentre of recent violence — will host four fixtures, including a marquee first-round clash between Uruguay and Spain.

The unrest erupted following the killing of drug lord Nemesio Oseguera Cervantes near Guadalajara, triggering retaliatory attacks and clashes that reportedly left over 70 people dead. The violence has sparked anxiety among fans and participating nations about safety arrangements ahead of the global showpiece scheduled from June 11 to July 19.

Security fears intensify as Mexico prepares to host World Cup.

Gianni Infantino sought to calm fears, stating he was "very reassured" about Mexico's preparedness. However, his optimism has not been universally shared. The Portuguese Football Federation confirmed it is "closely monitoring" the situation before deciding on a proposed friendly in Mexico.

Infantino's remarks have drawn criticism for appearing dismissive of the gravity of the unrest. Comparisons have resurfaced with the scrutiny faced by 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar, which endured years of intense criticism before ultimately delivering a successful tournament.

While Mexico City and Monterrey remain unaffected by the recent clashes, the violence in Guadalajara underscores the broader security challenge. With billions in economic impact at stake and millions of fans expected to travel, FIFA faces mounting pressure to move beyond reassurances and demonstrate concrete measures to ensure player and spectator safety.

Vaishnavi Adkar's Quiet Confidence Powers W100 Breakthrough

BENGALURU

Vaishnavi Adkar showcased remarkable resilience at the KPB Trust ITF Women's Open W100 in Bengaluru, propelling her ranking from 690 to 466 in the latest WTA list. The 21-year-old Pune native reached her maiden W100 final, defeating three higher-ranked opponents, including two in the top-150, over a grueling five-day campaign.

Adkar's coach, Balachandran Manikkath of the Rohan Bopanna Tennis Academy, credited her breakthrough to belief, temperament, and willingness to embrace new ideas. "For Vaishnavi, the belief that she can beat these players will be a game-changer going forward," he said. He highlighted that the ranking jump opens doors to higher-level tournaments, offering exposure to the physical and mental rigors of competing against top-200 players.

After an injury-hit 2025 and a slow start to the 2026 season, Adkar shifted to RBTA two months ago, showing early signs of improvement, particularly in her serve. Yet it is her quiet confidence and introspective approach that set her apart. "She is smart, intelligent and has this quiet confidence. As a player, she is very open to new ideas and willing to try them out," Manikkath added.

Despite losing the final 0-6, 1-6 to Belgium's Hanne Vandewinkel, Adkar displayed maturity in handling both the attention and disappointment. "It was tough to process all of it. But this is just the beginning of an unexplored path. The attention will always be there. I just have to learn to deal with it," she reflected.

Global investors intensify race for stakes in IPL teams

Blitzer Enters Bidding War for RCB, Other IPL Franchises

LONDON, MUMBAI

Billionaire investor David Blitzer has entered the high-stakes race to acquire a majority stake in an Indian Premier League franchise, holding talks with Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Rajasthan Royals, according to sources familiar with the matter.

Blitzer, co-founder of Harris Blitzer Sports & Entertainment and a senior executive at Blackstone Inc., is conducting due diligence on both teams.

Discussions reportedly value RCB, the reigning IPL champions, at around $1.8 billion. Neither franchise nor Blitzer immediately commented.

His potential entry has intensified competition, with Avram Glazer — co-chairman of Manchester United F.C. and owner of the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers — also submitting initial bids.

Global investment firms including KKR & Co. and Blackstone are evaluating stakes, reflecting surging investor appetite for cricket's richest league.

The IPL's soaring valuation — estimated at $18.5 billion last year — and rapidly growing revenues have drawn both international and domestic heavyweights. UK-based Diageo is reviewing its full ownership of RCB, while Rajasthan Royals are majority owned by London-based investor Manoj Badale.

Indian tycoons are also in contention. Adar Poonawalla has publicly expressed interest in a strong bid for RCB, and businessman Ranjan Pai is reportedly exploring a stake.

With final bids due by mid-March and the new IPL season beginning March 26, any transaction will require approval from the Board of Control for Cricket in India, setting the stage for one of the most competitive franchise sales in global sport.

LUIS ENRIQUE: PSG BATTLE-HARDENED FOR CHAMPIONS LEAGUE KNOCKOUTS

PARIS

Paris Saint-Germain F.C. coach Luis Enrique believes his squad has been rigorously tested to thrive in the later stages of the UEFA Champions League after advancing past AS Monaco FC.

PSG were held 2-2 at the Parc des Princes in the second leg of their knockout playoff but progressed 5-4 on aggregate.

Enrique admitted dissatisfaction with his side's first-half performance, which saw them concede a goal, but praised their resilience in the second half.

"Did I like what I saw? No, no, I didn't like it, but that's football," he said.

"We had an incredible schedule during the group stage, then continued with these playoffs against Monaco.

That's the competition of the Champions League — you have to accept it."

PSG's path to the last 16 has tested them against top-quality opposition, including Atalanta BC, Barcelona FC, Bayer Leverkusen, Bayern Munich, Newcastle United FC, Sporting CP, and Tottenham Hotspur FC — all of whom have also reached the knockout stage.

"If there's one team that has played against good teams and had the toughest group, it's clearly us," Enrique said. "We're used to playing these kinds of matches against any team.

Of course, we can improve, but tonight we faced a very high-level opponent."

PSG now await the draw for the last 16, which will determine whether they face Barcelona FC or Chelsea FC.

Enrique remains confident: "But if there's one team ready, it's ours."

Dogra Downplays On-Field Altercation in Ranji Final

HUBBALLI

The Ranji Trophy final between Karnataka cricket team and Jammu and Kashmir cricket team witnessed dramatic scenes at the KSCA Rajnagar Stadium after a heated altercation briefly halted play.

J&K skipper Paras Dogra was involved in a verbal exchange with Karnataka's KV Aneesh that escalated when Dogra appeared to intentionally headbutt the substitute fielder stationed at silly point. The incident, which unfolded in the 101st over of Karnataka's innings, delayed proceedings on a day already shortened by bad light, with only 69 overs bowled.

Tempers flare briefly during tense Karnataka versus J&K summit clash

Despite the unsavoury episode, Dogra sought to downplay the confrontation, terming it a spur-of-the-moment reaction. "These things keep going on. When you are playing a final, these things happen. It happened in the heat of the moment. It is all okay now," he said at the close of play, insisting there were no lingering issues between the sides.

Former Karnataka captain Mayank Agarwal stepped in to support Aneesh, while current skipper Devdutt Padikkal was seen in discussion with on-field umpires Rohan Pandit and Ulhas Gandhe as tensions simmered.

Given the physical contact involved, Dogra could face scrutiny from match referee Narayan Kutty, who will assess the seriousness of the breach under the Code of Conduct. An official decision is expected after the conclusion of the final.

In a separate minor flare-up, J&K wicketkeeper Kanhaiya Wadhawan and Karnataka pacer Vyshak Vijaykumar were seen shoulder-barging during a verbal duel, underlining the high stakes and intensity of the summit clash.

Gukesh Holds Niemann to Draw in Prague International Chess

PRAGUE

D. Gukesh survived a tense middle game to secure a hard-fought draw against Hans Moke Niemann in the first round of the masters section at the Prague International Chess Festival 2026. The Berlin Defense, which saw Niemann sacrifice a piece early on move 13, tested Gukesh's composure despite having the white pieces. The draw was the only non-victory in a 10-player, nine-round tournament that saw all other games with white pieces ending in wins. Gukesh managed to hold Niemann's advancing pawns and maintained equilibrium, showcasing the resilience expected from a world champion. Other notable results included defending champion Aravindh Chithambaram falling to Nodirbek Abdusattorov after a Philidor Defense ended unfavorably in a rook-and-minor-piece endgame. Meanwhile, top-seeded Vincent Keymer was defeated by a resurgent Jorden van Foreest, who introduced a novel idea in the Berlin Defense, securing multiple pawns and a comprehensive victory. Other winners included Nodirbek Yakubboevarro, and local favorite David Navaraers section, women's World Cup champion Divya Deshmukh drew from a strong position against top-seeded Benjamin Gledura Surya Shekhar Ganguly lost to Thomas Beerdsen of the Netherlands. Gukesh's steady handling of Niemann sets the tone for a competitive festival, with multiple upsets underlining the depth and unpredictability of elite chess in Prague this year.

RAVINDRA HAILS SANTNER'S LEADERSHIP AFTER SEMIFINAL SURGE

COLOMBO

Rachin Ravindra heaped rich praise on skipper Mitchell Santner after New Zealand stormed into the semi-finals of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 with a commanding 61-run victory over Sri Lanka national cricket team.

While Ravindra contributed 32 runs and claimed an impressive 4 for 19 to earn the Player of the Match award, he reserved special admiration for his captain's all-round brilliance. Santner's counterattacking 47 off just 26 balls lifted New Zealand from a precarious 84 for 6 to a competitive 168 for 7.

He then delivered a miserly spell of 1 for 19 in four overs as Sri Lanka were restricted to 107 for 8.

"Obviously we all know how chill he is, but also how his mind works — what ball to bowl from which end — is fantastic," Ravindra said at the post-match press conference. "More than anything, he leads through his performances and work ethic." Ravindra described Santner as a leader who instills belief and confidence in his teammates. "He backs you and pumps your tyres a lot. It makes you feel ten feet tall and bulletproof every time you step onto the field. He's just a great presence around the group," he added.

Beyond motivation, Santner's experience on subcontinental pitches has proved invaluable, particularly for the spin unit. Ravindra highlighted how having "one of the best white-ball spinners in the world" guiding the bowlers adds an extra layer of assurance. With momentum on their side and a captain leading from the front, New Zealand now head into the semifinals brimming with confidence and belief.

QUICK READ

Markets end on mixed note; healthcare, PSU banks outperform

MUMBAI

The Indian stock market ended a volatile trading session on a mixed note on Thursday, with healthcare and PSU bank stocks leading the gains while media and FMCG shares lagged behind. The benchmark Nifty closed marginally higher by 0.06 per cent, or 14.05 points, at 25,496.55. In contrast, the Sensex slipped 27.46 points, or 0.03 per cent, to settle at 82,248.61. Commenting on Nifty technical outlook, experts said that a decisive close above 25,700 accompanied by strong volumes would be required to alter momentum meaningfully. Until then, selective dip-buying may continue as long as 25,400 holds as a structural base, an expert added.

India sees 6.8%-7.2% GDP growth for 2026-27

NEW DELHI

India's economy is projected to expand between 6.8 per cent and 7.2 per cent in FY27 as bilateral trade agreements with major economies are expected, along with the government's economic reforms, to counter the global uncertainties created by the US tariff turmoil, according to the latest EY Economy Watch report. In the background of India's extensive bilateral trade agreements with other major economies or economic groups, India's medium-term prospects have brightened up, EY India chief policy advisor D.K. Srivastava said. The analysis noted that achieving the government's long-term Viksit Bharat 2047 vision would require a sustained rise in the tax-to-GDP ratio.

India's GCC hiring grows 4–6% in Q3 despite AI skill gaps

HYDERABAD

Hiring across India's Global Capability Centres (GCCs) grew 4–6 per cent quarter-on-quarter in Q3 FY2026, even as companies face acute skill shortages in high-demand areas such as AI and platform engineering, a new report said on Thursday. In its 'Quess GCC Talent Trends Q3 FY2026' report, Quess Corp highlighted that India currently has around 1,850–1,900 active GCCs with an expected workforce of nearly 2.5 million professionals. The report noted that while hiring remains steady, GCCs are now shifting their focus from large-scale recruitment to building deeper and more specialised capabilities. According to the findings, skill shortages have widened significantly in critical technology areas.

UIDAI partners Google to list Aadhaar centres on maps

Citizens can soon locate authorised Aadhaar centres easily through Google Maps integration nationwide

NEW DELHI

In a significant step aimed at improving public access to essential identity services, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has partnered with US technology major Google to enable the display of authorised Aadhaar centres on Google Maps. The government announced the collaboration on Thursday, highlighting that the feature will be rolled out in the coming months.

The integration will allow citizens to easily identify verified Aadhaar centres while searching on Google Maps. Users will be able to distinguish centres based on the specific services they provide, including adult enrolment, child enrolment, or limited services such as address and mobile number updates. This classification is expected to reduce confusion and help residents choose the appropriate centre based on their requirements.

According to an official statement issued by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, additional details about centre accessibility will also be made available wherever applicable. These include information about divyang-friendly infrastructure, availability of parking facilities, and operating hours. By providing such comprehensive information, the initiative seeks to enhance transparency and improve the overall experience for Aadhaar number holders.

The collaboration is designed not only to enhance public convenience but also to combat misinformation related to unauthorised or fake Aadhaar service centres. With over 60,000 Aadhaar centres operating across the country, including state-of-the-art Aadhaar Seva Kendras (ASKs), the integration will ensure that users are directed exclusively to verified and authorised facilities when conducting searches online.

Officials believe this move will significantly simplify the process of locating Aadhaar services, especially in urban areas where multiple centres operate in close proximity. It is also expected to benefit residents in semi-urban and rural regions by providing accurate directions and verified information.

Bhuvnesh Kumar, Chief Executive Officer of UIDAI, said the authority remains committed to enhancing the ease of living for Aadhaar holders. He stated that the collaboration with Google will make navigating authorised Aadhaar centres simpler, faster, and more transparent, thereby strengthening service delivery and citizen trust in the Aadhaar ecosystem.

Centre accelerates industrial corridor development across states

NEW DELHI

The Centre's strategy to fast-track industrial development has gained significant momentum, with four National Industrial Corridors already completed and another four nearing completion. The progress follows the announcement of a ₹28,602 crore package in 2024-25 for the development of 12 such corridors, according to an official factsheet released on Thursday.

Further impetus has been provided in the Union Budget 2026-27, which earmarked ₹3,000 crore for the development of an integrated East Coast Industrial Corridor.

The project will feature a strategically located and well-connected node at Durgapur in West Bengal, aimed at strengthening industrial growth in the eastern region.

These industrial smart cities are envisioned as globally benchmarked manufacturing and investment hubs. Designed with plug-and-play infrastructure and a walk-to-work ecosystem, the projects aim to create future-ready facilities that are developed ahead of demand. The approach is intended to ensure seamless operations for industries, attract investments, and generate employment opportunities across sectors.

Among the major projects underway is the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC), a flagship initiative designed to boost manufacturing and logistics efficiency. Key nodes under this corridor include the Dholera Special Investment Region in Gujarat, Shendra Bidkin Industrial Area in Maharashtra, and the Integrated Industrial Township Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh.

Southern India is also witnessing major developments, including the Krishnapatnam Industrial Area, Tumakuru Industrial Area, and Ponneri Industrial Area. In eastern India, the Raghunathpur Industrial Park is emerging as a key hub. Other states selected for corridor-based industrial development include Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Bihar, and Andhra Pradesh.

YOGI ENJOYS 501 KMPH JAPAN MAGLEV RIDE

TOKYO

The UP CM experiences ride on world's fastest train in Japan, calls journey 'smooth and stable at 501 kmph'

Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, shared with citizens his exhilarating experience of travelling at 501 kilometres per hour aboard Japan's advanced SCMAGLEV train during his official visit to the country. An official statement on Thursday said the Chief Minister posted visuals of the onboard speed display panel as the train crossed the 501 kmph mark.

In a message shared on his official social media account, the Chief Minister wrote that he experienced Japan's next-generation high-speed SCMAGLEV train in Yamanashi, describing it as a system that reaches speeds of up to 500 kmph and represents the future of clean, efficient, and precision mobility.

He highlighted the smoothness and remarkable stability of the ride, even at such extraordinary speeds.

The ride was smooth and remarkably stable even at extraordinary speed, reflecting Japan's commitment to innovation and long-term infrastructure excellence.

When technology moves at this speed, the future feels closer than ever, Adityanath stated, praising Japan's technological advancement and infrastructure capabilities.

The Chief Minister also shared photographs of Mount Fuji, Japan's highest peak and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Describing the iconic mountain as a timeless symbol of perseverance, discipline, and spiritual balance, he said witnessing Mount Fuji on a bright and sunny day was a fortunate moment.

He thanked Japan for the warm hospitality extended during his visit.

During his stay in Yamanashi Prefecture, Adityanath interacted with local students who welcomed him warmly. In a post on his X handle, he expressed delight at witnessing their discipline, enthusiasm, and curiosity.

He remarked that their affection reflected the deep cultural connection between India and Japan and conveyed his heartfelt blessings for their future filled with knowledge, character, and success.

India's engineering goods exports cross $100 billion mark

NEW DELHI

Engineering goods exports from India grew by 4.52 per cent year-on-year to $101.13 billion during the April-January period of 2025-26, crossing the $100 billion mark for the first time in the current fiscal, EEPC India said on Thursday.

Driven primarily by copper, iron and steel, and motor vehicles, engineering goods exports recorded a 10.4 per cent (on-year) rise in January to $10.40 billion even as shipments to the US recorded a decline during this period.

Engineering goods exports to the US, India's top market, however fell 6.8 per cent year-on-year to $1.51 billion in January, as against $1.62 billion in January 2025.

Favourable base was one of the major reasons behind the double-digit growth in January this year. Notably, Indian engineering exports also bounced back in most of the regions. This is very positive news, especially at a time when global trade is going through realignments pushed by changing geopolitics, said Pankaj Chadha, Chairman EEPC India.

Indian engineering exports would continue to grow in the coming months and surpass $120 billion in FY26, he added.

The recent schemes announced by the government, especially the Market Access Scheme, are estimated to be a big enabler of Indian exports. This is crucial at a time when more Indian exporters are eager to participate in global exhibitions and exhibit their products to global markets, Chadha noted.

Meanwhile, EEPC India also urged the government to reconsider its decision to reduce RoDTEP benefits by half, considering the ongoing challenges and uncertainties prevailing on the external front.

Among the top 25 key markets for Indian engineering goods, shipments to as many as 19 countries recorded positive growth, while in the case of six countries, the growth was negative.

Big shake-up in mutual funds! SEBI scraps solution funds

MUMBAI

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Thursday discontinued the solution-oriented mutual fund category, which includes children's and retirement funds, and announced a major overhaul of mutual fund categorisation rules to bring more clarity and transparency for investors. The markets regulator said that the solution-oriented category stands discontinued from the date of the circular.

Existing schemes under this segment will immediately stop accepting fresh subscriptions. These schemes will now be merged with other schemes that have similar asset allocation and risk profiles, subject to prior approval from SEBI. As of January 31, 2026, there were 15 schemes in the children's fund category and 29 schemes in the retirement fund category.

SEBI had first proposed changes in July 2025 as part of a broader review of mutual fund categorisation. The aim was to improve clarity, introduce new schemes and address the issue of portfolio overlap across different schemes. At that time, the regulator had said mutual funds should be allowed to offer different types of schemes in the solution-oriented category with varying mixes of equity and debt, provided the asset allocation was suitable for the scheme's stated objective.

Private philanthropy to rise 9-11 pc through FY30

NEW DELHI

Private philanthropy in India is estimated to have reached Rs 1.43 lakh crore in FY25 and could grow at a 9–11 per cent compound annual growth rate through FY30, driven largely by family giving, a report said on Thursday. The report from Bain & Company and Dasra said that the momentum is led by family giving among ultra high net worth, high net worth, and affluent families, driven by rising wealth, increasing formalisation, and episodic mega donations.

India's social sector funding has doubled to about Rs 27 lakh crore in FY25 and is projected to reach Rs 50 lakh crore by FY30, the report said. A structural funding shortfall of roughly Rs 16 lakh crore in FY25 is projected to widen to about Rs 18 lakh crore by FY30 underscoring the persistent mismatch between India's development ambitions and the capital available, the report further said.

Public spending still accounts for around 95 per cent of total funding, especially in healthcare as policy momentum builds toward the 2.5 per cent of GDP target.

To bridge the gap, private philanthropy must grow at over 25 per cent annually, assuming public spending trajectories remain unchanged, with scaled contributions from family philanthropy, retail giving, and corporate social responsibility (CSR), the firms said.

The real question is not whether capital is available, rather if it's structured to solve at scale. India's social sector has seen impressive funding growth as the report highlights, but the widening gap signals a deeper design challenge, said Bhavini Malhotra, Partner, Bain & Company. The report highlighted that philanthropy by Indian families account for about 42 per cent of private giving. CSR funding is expected to grow at 8–10 per cent supported by GDP expansion, rising compliance, and a widening corporate base crossing statutory contribution threshold. However, CSR funding remains concentrated in wealthier states, underscoring the need to redirect capital to underfunded regions.

GROWTH MOMENTUM

India's lending AUM hits Rs 130 lakh Crore

MUMBAI

India's lending industry has demonstrated robust growth momentum, with total assets under management (AUM) reaching Rs 130 lakh crore as of December 2025, marking a strong 17% year-on-year increase.

The findings were revealed in a report released on Thursday by Experian, which highlighted sustained credit demand from both consumers and businesses.

According to the report, credit sourcing of new loans in the third quarter of FY26 surged 36 per cent year-on-year, a sharp acceleration compared to 7 per cent growth recorded during the same period last year. The expansion reflects improving economic sentiment and growing appetite for borrowing across segments.

The report underlined that lending activity has been propelled by accelerated sourcing growth, increasing preference for secured lending, and improving asset quality. Notably, asset quality indicators showed positive trends, with payments overdue by 30 days or more declining from 3.9 per cent to 3.3 per cent year-on-year. This improvement signals better repayment behaviour and stronger credit discipline among borrowers.

Secured loans, including gold, home, and vehicle loans, emerged as the primary growth drivers during the quarter. These categories recorded an impressive 42 per cent growth in Q3 FY26, compared to 20 per cent growth in the corresponding period last year. Gold loans played a particularly significant role, especially in the small-ticket segment below Rs 3 lakh, reflecting rising borrower inclination toward asset-backed financing.

The shift toward secured credit indicates a dual trend — borrowers seeking relatively lower interest rates and lenders focusing on risk-mitigated portfolios. Home loans and auto loans also maintained steady growth, supported by stable demand conditions and improving affordability levels.

On the unsecured side, personal loans and consumer durable loans witnessed increased traction, partly fuelled by festive season spending. However, credit card issuance slowed during the quarter, pointing to a more cautious approach by both lenders and consumers in that segment.

Overall, the report suggests that India's lending ecosystem remains resilient, with balanced growth across secured and select unsecured segments, accompanied by strengthening asset quality indicators.

KEY POINTS

- India's Lending AUM Hits Rs 130 Lakh Cr, Asset Quality Improves
- AUM at Rs 130 lakh crore
- 17% YoY growth in assets
- Secured loans surge 42%
- Asset quality improves with lower delinquencies
- Gold loans drive small-ticket borrowing

NOW STREAMING ON NETFLIX

Accused, A Gripping Psychological Drama

MUMBAI

The boundaries of truth, perception, and judgment are tested in Accused, now streaming exclusively on Netflix. Directed by Anubhuti Kashyap and produced by Dharma Productions, the film follows Dr. Geetika Sen (Konkona Sen Sharma), a celebrated gynaecologist whose life unravels when allegations of sexual misconduct emerge.

As public scrutiny intensifies, the pressure seeps into her personal life, particularly her marriage to Meera (Pratibha Rannta), forcing both women to confront trust, doubt, and societal judgment. The film resists sensationalism, opting instead for ambiguity, emotional depth, and nuanced performances that leave viewers questioning the nature of truth.

Konkona Sen Sharma reflected on her role, saying, "Geetika is a woman used to control—of her work, her credibility, her space. What moved me was her internal collapse under scrutiny. I'm glad Netflix is bringing a story that trusts performance and silence over spectacle." Pratibha Rannta added, "Playing Meera meant living in that messy space where you want to trust, but your heart isn't sure. I'm so glad Netflix tells these kinds of real, complicated stories about women."

Told from the perspective of the accused, Accused challenges audiences to examine their own biases and sit with uncertainty long after the credits roll. A tense exploration of power, perception, and the cost of doubt, the film is streaming now, only on Netflix.

Rishab Shetty Silent on Rashmika Wedding Question

Actor and filmmaker Rishab Shetty avoided answering a question about the wedding of Rashmika Mandanna and Vijay Deverakonda during a recent spiritual visit.

The star of Kantara was attending the Guru Vaibhavotsava of Raghavendra Swamy at Mantralayam. He offered prayers and later spoke to the media about his upcoming projects. Shetty described the visit as a lucky and special moment in his life.

While talking to reporters, he happily shared details about his new film, Jai Hanuman, directed by Prasanth Varma. However, when asked about Mandanna's reported wedding with Deverakonda, Shetty chose not to respond. He simply said Thank you and walked away without any expression.

Shetty and Mandanna had worked together early in their careers. Because of this past association, many expected him to share his thoughts. Some believe he stayed silent due to his close friendship with Rakshit Shetty, who was once engaged to Mandanna. Social media users also called the topic sensitive and personal.

Meanwhile, reports say that Mandanna and Deverakonda are now officially married. The couple reportedly tied the knot in Udaipur, surrounded by the beautiful Aravalli hills. The wedding took place at ITC Hotels, Ekaaya, in a traditional Andhra ceremony around 8 am.

Sources say a Kodava ceremony is also planned in the evening to honor Mandanna's roots. Photos from the venue show sweets being shared with photographers to celebrate the happy occasion.

Drishyam 3 Sets Overseas Records before Release

Drishyam 3, starring Mohanlal and directed by Jeethu Joseph, is creating huge buzz worldwide even before its release. The third part of the popular Malayalam franchise is set to hit theatres on April 2, 2026.

According to trade reports, the film has already become the biggest pre-release business deal in Malayalam cinema history. Even before post-production is completed, it has broken records in overseas markets.

The North America theatrical rights have reportedly been sold for a massive Rs 10 crore. Of this, the United States rights alone were sold for Rs 6 crore, while Canada rights fetched Rs 4 crore. This strong business deal shows the high demand for the thriller and points to a powerful opening weekend overseas.

G.V. Prakash Skips Film Salary

Actor-director Ken Karunaas has revealed that music director G.V. Prakash Kumar composed the music for his debut film Youth without taking any salary. In a recent interview, Ken said he wanted a leading composer and approached the National Award-winning musician despite doubts from others about his vision. After hearing the script, G.V. Prakash agreed to work on the film and refused payment, a gesture that boosted Ken's confidence. The film wrapped after 60 days of shooting, with dubbing starting on the last day of the year. Produced by Parvatha Entertainment and Street Boy Studio, Youth stars Anisma Anil Kumar, Meenakshi Dinesh, and others.

Sini Shetty Joins Dostana 2 Alongside Lakshya, Vikrant

Dostana 2 is set to return with a fresh twist, featuring Sini Shetty as the female lead alongside Lakshya and Vikrant Massey. The film, directed by Advait Chandan, will stream as a Prime Video original under Dharmatic Entertainment, the digital wing of Dharma Productions.

Reports suggest the makers had three contenders for the role before finalizing Sini Shetty. By casting a former beauty pageant winner, the film continues the legacy of Priyanka Chopra, the female lead in the original Dostana. Shetty, hailing from Mumbai with family roots in Karnataka, holds a degree in accounting and finance and has formal training in Bharatnatyam.

She is set to make her acting debut with this high-profile project. The sequel's revamped script explores the chaos of sibling relationships entwined with romance, promising style, humor, and on-screen chemistry. Sini Shetty has also reportedly signed a small-budget thriller, though details remain under wraps. The project originally began in 2019 with Kartik Aaryan, Lakshya, and Janhvi Kapoor, but was paused after Kartik Aaryan exited following 20 days of shooting. The fallout between the actor and Karan Johar made headlines, though they later reconciled while collaborating on another film.

With a new cast and fresh script, Dostana 2 aims to revive the beloved franchise for a digital audience while launching Sini Shetty's career on a high note.

Kerala High Court Halts Kerala Story Release

The Kerala High Court has stayed the release of the film Kerala Story 2 for 15 days. The order came on Thursday, just one day before the movie was set to hit theatres on Friday.

The film had already created strong debate because of its theme and the way it shows sensitive social issues. A group of petitioners moved the court, saying the movie could increase communal tension and disturb public peace in the state. After hearing their arguments, the court passed an interim order stopping its release for two weeks.

This decision is a major setback for the producers, who had spent heavily on promotions and theatre bookings. Advance ticket sales in many centres are now likely to be cancelled or refunded, leading to financial losses. Trade experts say that such last-minute court orders can badly affect a film's earnings, especially when controversy plays a big role in publicity.

The court has not yet given a final judgment on the case. It said the matter needs further examination and will be heard in detail during the stay period.

The debate around Kerala Story 2 is similar to the reaction faced by its earlier part. Supporters say filmmakers should have freedom to tell bold stories. Critics argue that creative freedom should not harm social harmony. In Kerala, both the Left parties and the Congress have openly opposed the film. For now, the film's future depends on the court's final decision.

Sree Vishnu Promises Full Entertainment in Compact Runtime

Actor Sree Vishnu has announced that his upcoming film Vishnu Vinyasam will have a run-time of 1 hour and 59 minutes. Directed by Yadunaath Maruthi Rao, the film promises strong entertainment despite its shorter length.

Sharing the update on X, Sree Vishnu wrote that while the film's length may look like it is on a diet, the entertainment will feel like a full meal with extra dessert. He invited families to come to theatres, enjoy the film, and watch it again.

The film is produced by Sumanth Naidu G under the Sree Subrahmanyeshwara Cinemas banner, with Hema and Shalini presenting it. Sai Krishna Bobba and Ramachary M are co-producers.

The makers earlier revealed the title through a stylish animated video that offered a glimpse into the story. Set in an urban backdrop, the teaser showed Sree Vishnu riding a custom-made yellow motorcycle across the city. The video ended with the tagline, No Brakes – Just Laughs, hinting at a fun-filled entertainer.

Peddi Release May Be Delayed Again To June

Peddi, starring Ram Charan and Janhvi Kapoor, may see its release postponed again. Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, the sports action drama was earlier scheduled for April 30, 2026, but fresh reports suggest it could now release in June. No official confirmation has been made yet.

The film had originally been planned for March 27, Ram Charan's birthday, but was delayed due to the release of Ustaad Bhagat Singh starring Pawan Kalyan on March 26. The makers had announced the April 30 date on social media, saying, The date of his arrival changes, but not his MIGHTY GRIT.

'Peddi' marks Janhvi Kapoor's second Telugu film after her debut in Devara. The movie also features Shiva Rajkumar, Jagapathi Babu, Divyendu Sharma, Boman Irani and others in key roles. Jagapathi Babu plays a character named Appalasoori.

The film's music, including background score and songs, is composed by AR Rahman. The makers are expected to release the second song on March 2.

Filming has progressed steadily, with the Delhi schedule wrapped up last December. Cinematographer Rathnavelu shared behind-the-scenes pictures from the sets, showing the team satisfied with the work completed. Fans continue to wait eagerly for the new release announcement.

VIN DIESEL PRAISES SINNERS AS YEAR'S BEST

Hollywood star Vin Diesel has called Sinners one of the best films of the year. The action hero shared his thoughts on Instagram, posting a heartfelt note praising the movie and its team.

Directed by Ryan Coogler, the horror drama has created history by receiving 16 Oscar nominations, the highest in the history of the Academy Awards. Reacting to the achievement, Diesel wrote that legendary actor Sidney Poitier would have been proud. He said what was once a door that had to be forced open has now become a grand stage where filmmakers of color are rewriting record books.

Diesel revealed that he first heard about Sinners from friends who excitedly described it as a vampire movie. His curiosity grew because of his own love for fantasy stories. He shared that as a child he enjoyed playing Dungeons & Dragons and reading novels by Anne Rice. He also mentioned that he is currently developing a fantasy project about an immortal witch hunter with Lionsgate and exploring monster characters with Universal Pictures.

The actor said he watched the film with his family and connected deeply with its story, especially the portrayal of twin characters, as he himself is a twin. He also praised the film's strong cultural themes and tribute to unsung heroes.

Diesel added that Coogler's roots in Oakland, the hometown of his biological father, made the film even more special and meaningful to him.

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